



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                   **TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014, ON PAGE 131]**

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I'D LIKE TO ASK  
7   EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BEGIN WITH OUR INVOCATION  
8   THAT WILL BE LED BY RABBI JUDITH HALEVY, MALIBU JEWISH CENTER  
9   AND SYNAGOGUE AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY  
10  KEVIN COLEMAN, FORMER LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES NAVY,  
11  INGLEWOOD. RABBI?

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13   **RABBI JUDITH HALEVY:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THIS  
14   HONOR. SOVEREIGN OF THE UNIVERSE, MERCIFULLY RECEIVE OUR  
15   PRAYER FOR OUR CITY, OUR COUNTY, OUR COUNTRY AND ITS  
16   GOVERNMENT. MAY YOUR BLESSING POUR OUT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17   AND ON ALL THE OFFICIALS OF THIS COUNTY WHO ARE OCCUPIED IN  
18   GOOD FAITH WITH PUBLIC NEEDS. INSPIRE THEM FROM YOUR NATION'S  
19   LAWS. ENABLE THEM TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE SO  
20   THAT PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, HAPPINESS AND FREEDOM MIGHT NEVER  
21   TURN AWAY FROM LOS ANGELES AND ITS COUNTY. PLEASE, WISE ONE,  
22   LIFE BREATH OF ALL FLESH, WAKEN YOUR SPIRIT AND ALL THE  
23   INHABITANTS THAT DWELL WITHIN OUR DISTRICTS AND PLANT AMONG  
24   ALL PEOPLES OF DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES AND FAITH WHO DWELL  
25   HERE LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD, PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP. THEREFORE MAY



1 IT BE YOUR WILL THAT THIS LOS ANGELES COUNTY BE A PLACE WHERE  
2 KNOWLEDGE IS FREE, WHERE THE MIND IS WITHOUT FEAR, WHERE MEN  
3 AND WOMEN HOLD THEIR HEADS UP HIGH AND WHERE WORDS COME OUT  
4 FROM THE DEPTHS OF TRUTH. AMEN.

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6 **KEVIN M. COLEMAN:** , WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE REMAIN STANDING,  
7 FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN  
8 ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
9 RECITED.]

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION  
14 THIS MORNING, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, I MIGHT ADD, BY RABBI  
15 JUDITH HALEVY WHO WAS ORDAINED IN 1992 AND IS THE RABBI AND  
16 SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE MALIBU JEWISH CENTER AND SYNAGOGUE  
17 SINCE 1996. HER STUDENT PULPIT WAS IN SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO,  
18 HER HOME FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. IT'S QUITE A RABBINICAL  
19 CAREER. SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, MALIBU. YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANY OF  
20 THE TOUGH DUTY, HAVE YOU. SHE HOLDS ADVANCED DEGREES IN  
21 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM BOTH RUTGERS UNIVERSITY AND  
22 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND SPENT HER EARLY YEARS IN INTERNATIONAL  
23 EDUCATION IN MEXICO CITY AND TEL AVIV. SHE CAME TO LOS ANGELES  
24 TO COFOUND METIVA AND SARAH'S TENT. SHE'S A MEMBER OF THE  
25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF RABBIS OF SOUTHERN



1 CALIFORNIA SINCE 2002 AND A SENIOR FELLOW AT THE SHALOM  
2 HARTMAN INSTITUTE IN JERUSALEM. SO WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE YOU  
3 HERE, RABBI. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ELOQUENT AND PROFOUND  
4 INVOCATION AND WE WISH YOU WELL. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
9 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY MR. KEVIN  
10 COLEMAN. HE'S A FORMER LIEUTENANT WITH SEVENTH FLEET  
11 AMPHIBIOUS TASKFORCE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY. HE SERVED IN  
12 THE PERSIAN GULF DURING OPERATION DESERT SHIELD AND DESERT  
13 STORM. HE HAS BEEN AWARDED NUMEROUS MEDALS, INCLUDING THE  
14 HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL, KUWAIT LIBERATION MEDAL AND THE  
15 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL TO NAME BUT A FEW. HE ALSO  
16 RECEIVED SEVERAL UNIT COMMENDATIONS. MR. COLEMAN GRADUATED  
17 FROM MOREHOUSE COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S OF ARTS DEGREE AND  
18 FROM CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS WITH A MASTER'S IN PUBLIC  
19 ADMINISTRATION. HE IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS A VETERAN INTERN  
20 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HE HAS WORKED ON  
21 MANY ASSIGNMENTS, BUT AS AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER AND A SOCIAL  
22 WORKER, HAS A STRONG DESIRE TO UTILIZE HIS EDUCATION, WORK AND  
23 MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND DEMONSTRATED LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO  
24 ENHANCE HIS EFFECTIVENESS IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC  
25 SECTORS. MR. COLEMAN HAS ONE SON AND LIVES IN THE SECOND





1 DISTRICT. WITH ALL THAT, WE GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MOREHOUSE  
2 COLLEGE. MOREHOUSE IS IN THE HOUSE. MR. COLEMAN. [APPLAUSE.]  
3 MR. CHAIRMAN?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
6 READ THE AGENDA.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,  
10 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
11 DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 1-P, ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 4, BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11. ON ITEMS NO. 1 AND 2, THERE'S  
14 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.  
15 ALSO ON ITEMS NO. 6, 7 AND 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
16 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR  
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD LIKE TO AMEND HIS MOTION TO ADD THE  
18 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO THE MOTION. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THE  
20 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
21 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
3 ORDERED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 8, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
6 12 THROUGH 46, ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS  
7 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 5TH.

8  
9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

10  
11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEMS NO. 14, 15, 16 AND 17,  
12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE  
13 ITEMS.

14  
15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16  
17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 23, THERE'S ALSO A  
18 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

21  
22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEMS NO. 28, 29 AND 30,  
23 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE  
24 ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 32, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
25 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 33, ALTHOUGH THE





1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA INDICATES THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 9TH,  
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
4 THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 34, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 41,  
6 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
7 THIS ITEM. AND ALSO ON 46, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
8 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE  
9 CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

14  
15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 25, ORDINANCES FOR  
16 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 47 THROUGH 49, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT  
17 TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 47, SUPERVISOR  
18 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
19 AUGUST 5TH, 2014.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22  
23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 48, THIS IS AN  
24 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2,  
25 ADMINISTRATION, TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF



1 PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR USE OF REAL PROPERTY  
2 UNDER THE DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL. ON THIS ITEM,  
3 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON  
4 ITEM 49, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY  
5 CODE TITLE 5, PERSONNEL. BY AMENDING PORTIONS OF VARIOUS  
6 SECTIONS TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS OF DOMESTIC PARTNER IN THE  
7 COUNTY'S CAFETERIA PLANS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PURPOSES. THIS  
8 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU?

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 27, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM  
14 NO. 50. AND AGAIN I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD.  
15 THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
16 ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO LEVY THE 2014-'15 SPECIAL TAXES FOR  
17 COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 1, NO. 2, NO. 5, NO. 6  
18 IMPROVEMENT AREA A AND DISTRICT NO. 7. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE  
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 51 AS  
2 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
3 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2014.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

6  
7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 31, NOTICES OF CLOSED  
8 SESSION, ON ITEM NO. C.S.-1, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
9 AGENDA, THE ACTING COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE  
10 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 12TH, 2014.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

13  
14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. C.S.-3, AS INDICATED  
15 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 5THE,  
17 2014.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20  
21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF  
22 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
23 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3. ITEM NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3?



1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL MOVE TO PRESENTATIONS. AND  
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D  
5 LIKE TO ASK JOSEPH CHARNEY TO JOIN ME UP HERE FOR A MOMENT.  
6 AND WHY DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR FAMILY COME, TOO? LINDA, BENJAMIN,  
7 SARAH? IT'S A BITTERSWEET MOMENT TO SAY GOODBYE TO SOMEONE  
8 WHO'S WORKED FOR ME AND FOR MY OFFICE FOR 15 YEARS AND FOR THE  
9 COUNTY FOR HOW LONG? 30 YEARS. BUT JOSEPH CHARNEY IS RETIRING  
10 AT THE END OF TOMORROW, NOT THURSDAY, TOMORROW. HE'S GOT BIG  
11 PLANS, WHICH WE'VE DISCUSSED. AND I'LL BE 1,000 PERCENT BEHIND  
12 YOU, IN THE WORDS OF THOMAS EAGLETON. I MET JOSEPH CHARNEY,  
13 THE FIRST TIME I MET HIM WAS IN THE MCGOVERN PRESIDENT  
14 CAMPAIGN IN 1972. WE WERE BOTH WORKING OUT OF THE FAIRFAX  
15 AVENUE HEADQUARTERS. WE DID A HELL OF A JOB THERE. WE CAME IN  
16 SECOND, I THINK. THERE WERE ONLY TWO CANDIDATES. (LAUGHING).  
17 JOSEPH HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR 13 YEARS AS A JUSTICE  
18 DEPUTY FOR OUR DISTRICT, A PORTFOLIO THAT HAS INCLUDED  
19 POLICIES GOVERNING OPERATIONS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE  
20 OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THE PROBATION AND FIRE  
21 DEPARTMENTS, EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGIES AND STAFFING AND  
22 VARIOUS OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVIL LITIGATION MATTERS.  
23 HIS EXTENSIVE LEGAL EXPERIENCE HAS INCLUDED SERVICE AS A  
24 FORMER LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AN  
25 ASSISTANT HEAD DEPUTY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES O.S.H.A.



1 DIVISION IN THAT OFFICE, AS A LOS ANGELES DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY  
2 AND AS A DIRECTING ATTORNEY SUPERVISING FIVE STAFF ATTORNEYS  
3 FOR THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES. HE'S A GRADUATE  
4 OF BROOKLYN COLLEGE AND GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW SCHOOL. HE  
5 TAUGHT AS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL, COVERED  
6 CONFLICTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AS A BROADCAST JOURNALIST FOR  
7 RADIO, AND IS AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN, PERFORMER, PRODUCED  
8 PLAYWRIGHT AND WIDELY READ STUDENT OF HISTORY. I CAN ATTEST TO  
9 THE PERFORMER PIECE. HE ONCE PLAYED TEVIA IN THE FIDDLER ON  
10 THE ROOF PRODUCTION IN PASADENA. DID A PRETTY DARN GOOD JOB.  
11 HE HAS DISCHARGED HIS DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS WITH ENTHUSIASM,  
12 WITH PASSION AND DETERMINATION, COMMITTED FIRST AND FOREMOST  
13 TO RENDERING HIS BEST PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT AND SERVING ME AND  
14 OUR COLLECTIVE CONSTITUENTS ABLY, HONORABLY AND  
15 CONSCIENTIOUSLY. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL FIVE  
16 MEMBERS SIGNED THIS, I'M QUITE SURPRISED-- [LAUGHTER.] I WAS  
17 ABLE TO GET THREE VOTES FOR THIS, JOSEPH, BUT THAT'S ABOUT ALL  
18 I GET THESE DAYS-- BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY OF LOS  
19 ANGELES, HEREBY HIGHLY COMMENDS JOSEPH CHARNEY FOR HIS  
20 DEDICATED SERVICE. AND WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A  
21 SATISFYING, REWARDING AND WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT WITH  
22 CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL YOUR FUTURE PERSONAL  
23 AND PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS. I WILL TELL YOU THAT WE OPERATE  
24 OUR OFFICE AS A FAMILY. JOSEPH IS THE OLDER UNCLE. [LAUGHTER.]  
25 IN THE FAMILY. AND HE'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE WITH US, A



1 PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH US, A PLEASURE TO HAVE WITH US. AND THE  
2 ARGUMENTS AND THE DEBATES WE GET INTO ON ALL KINDS OF ISSUES,  
3 NONE OF WHICH HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH COUNTY GOVERNMENT, HAVE  
4 ENLIVENED OUR DAYS IN THE OFFICE. WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU. I'M  
5 GOING TO PERSONALLY MISS YOU. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT FRIEND TO ME  
6 AND YOU WILL CONTINUE TO BE A GREAT FRIEND TO ME, BUT IN THE  
7 OFFICE YOU'VE BEEN SOMEBODY WE COULD ALWAYS TURN TO ON SOME OF  
8 THE MOST COMPLEX GORDIAN KNOT TYPES OF ISSUES. I WANT TO WISH  
9 LINDA WELL AND BENJAMIN AND SARAH WHO I'VE FOLLOWED SINCE THEY  
10 WERE 13 YEARS YOUNGER THAN THEY ARE NOW AND THEY'RE DOING VERY  
11 WELL. AND WE WISH YOU ALL GOD'S SPEED. CONGRATULATIONS,  
12 JOSEPH. [APPLAUSE.]

13  
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, LET ME SAY JOSEPH WAS A BREATH OF  
15 FRESH AIR AND WE WILL MISS HIM. HE HAS A GREAT MIND, A GREAT  
16 FOUNDATION AND THE VALUES THAT ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR STATE  
17 AND NATION. SO IT WAS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU, JOSEPH. AND  
18 YOUR INTEGRITY IS GOING TO CONTINUE.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST ADD THAT, JOSEPH, YOU'VE  
21 BEEN A PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO WORK WITH OVER THE YEARS. YOUR  
22 WORD IS GOLD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANT BY A BREATH OF FRESH  
23 AIR AS COMPARED TO ZEV'S. [LAUGHTER.] YEAH, RIGHT. DEBATE TO  
24 BE CONTINUED. BUT, JOSEPH, IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND PLEASURE,  
25 WISH YOU GOD'S SPEED. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT SPIRIT TO ALL OF US





1 IN YOUR FIGHTS AND WINNING SOME OF THOSE. AND WE THANK YOU FOR  
2 IT. GOOD HEALTH.

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4 **JOSEPH CHARNEY:** OKAY. JUST FIRST OF ALL WANT TO THANK ZEV FOR  
5 ALLOWING ME TO WORK AS A JUSTICE DEPUTY FOR 13 YEARS FOR HIM.  
6 IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO WORK. I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG  
7 TIME AND HAVE WATCHED ALL OF THE THINGS THAT HE HAS  
8 ACCOMPLISHED, AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES. THEY'RE  
9 HERE. AND THERE ARE A BUNCH OF THEM OUT THERE. WHY DON'T YOU  
10 JUST RAISE YOUR HAND SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHO YOU ARE. OKAY.  
11 THEY ARE EXTRAORDINARY, EXCEPTIONAL TEAM OF DEDICATED PUBLIC  
12 SERVANTS, THEY REALLY ARE. AND I WANT TO HAVE A SPECIAL SHOUT  
13 OUT NOW THAT I CAN USE THE NEW TERMINOLOGY, A SPECIAL SHOUT  
14 OUT TO YOLANDA GALADEZ WHO HAS ASSISTED ME ALL OF THESE YEARS.  
15 [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO THANK THE OTHER SUPERVISORS AND OUR  
16 C.E.O. FOR CHOOSING PUBLIC SAFETY STAFF WHO HAVE SERVED THEM  
17 WELL AND HAVE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH ME. I WANT TO  
18 ACKNOWLEDGE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
19 WITH WHOM I'VE WORKED AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS  
20 AND INCLUDING OF COURSE BILL FUJIOKA AND JERRY POWERS AND  
21 PHILIP BROWNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I'VE SO ENJOYED  
22 WORKING WITH YOU. I WANT A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE  
23 OUTSTANDING PERSONNEL OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I ONLY WISH  
24 MORE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD OBSERVE AS I HAVE THE  
25 DEDICATION AND EXCELLENCE THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE



1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISPLAY EACH DAY AS THEY SERVE OUR  
2 COMMUNITIES. I AM HONORED TO HAVE WORKED WITH THEM. I ALSO  
3 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEAM OF LAWYERS WHO SERVE AS DEPUTY  
4 COUNTY COUNSEL. I'VE BEEN BRIEFED AND ADVISED BY DOZENS OF  
5 THESE PROFESSIONALS. THEY PROVIDE THE BOARD THE NECESSARY  
6 SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO FURTHER THE COUNTY MISSION. IT HAS BEEN  
7 A PRIVILEGE WORKING WITH YOU, MY FELLOW LAWYERS, ALL THESE  
8 YEARS. YOU KNOW, AS ZEV MENTIONED ALL OF THINGS THAT I'VE BEEN  
9 BLESSED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY, LEGAL AID, CITY ATTORNEY, D.A.  
10 AND NOW FOR HIM AS HIS DEPUTY, JUSTICE DEPUTY, BUT MY GREATEST  
11 LIFE'S BLESSING IS UNQUESTIONABLY MY FAMILY. [APPLAUSE.] I  
12 WANT TO THANK MY WIFE LINDA, WHO HAS BEEN AT MY SIDE THROUGH  
13 LIFE'S JOYS AND TRAVAILS AND HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED MY  
14 DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE. FINALLY I WANT TO INTRODUCE OUR  
15 LIFE'S GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT, GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT,  
16 RAISING TWO CARING, DECENT AND LOVING HUMAN BEINGS, OUR SON  
17 AND DAUGHTER, BENJAMIN AND SARAH CHARNEY. [APPLAUSE.] I WILL  
18 MISS MY COUNTY FAMILY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19  
20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANKS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP JOHN  
23 SPAIN, PEGGY PAUL AND DAN FRANKEL. TODAY WE ARE HONORING  
24 NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION FOR THE LONGEVITY IN ORBIT OF  
25 THREE OF THEIR SATELLITE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE SUCH A DRAMATIC



1 IMPACT ON THE DEFENSE AND SAFETY OF OUR UNITED STATES. THE  
2 CHANDRA X-RAY OBSERVATORY, THE EARTH OBSERVATORY SYSTEM AURA  
3 AND THE MILSTAR FLIGHT 1 PAYLOAD. FIRST, THE U.S. AIR FORCE  
4 MILSTAR FLIGHT 1 SATELLITE LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 7, 1994, CARRIES  
5 A PROTECTED MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS PAYLOAD BUILT BY THE FOLKS  
6 AT NORTHROP GRUMMAN IN REDONDO BEACH WITH A 10-YEAR DESIGN  
7 LIFE. IT HAS OPERATED SO FAR AN ADDITIONAL 10 YEARS,  
8 CONTINUING TO BE AVAILABLE 99.73 PERCENT OF THE TIME,  
9 DELIVERING UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS OF PROTECTION FOR SECURE  
10 MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS. NEXT THE CHANDRA LAUNCHED JULY 21ST,  
11 1999 AND PROVIDING INSIGHTS INTO THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS OF  
12 STARS AND LIFE CYCLES OF GALAXIES 10 YEARS BEYOND ITS FIVE  
13 YEAR DESIGN LIFE EARNING ITS PLACE AMONG N.A.S.A.'S GREAT  
14 SPACE OBSERVATORIES. LASTLY THE EARTH OBSERVATION SYSTEM AURA  
15 CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE EARTH'S OZONE LAYERS, WHICH IS SO  
16 IMPORTANT TO US, AFTER LAUNCHING ON JULY 15, 2004. WE'RE FIVE  
17 YEARS LONGER THAN THE FIVE YEAR MINIMUM DESIGN LIFE, AS WELL,  
18 INCLUDING IN PART OF THE MEMBER OF THE N.A.S.A. A-TRAIN OF  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITES. TOGETHER THEIR 25 ADDITIONAL YEARS  
20 OF COMBINED PERFORMANCE ARE AMONG THE HUNDREDS OF YEARS ADDED  
21 SERVICE FOR ALL OF NORTHROP GRUMMAN'S SPACECRAFT HAVE PROVIDED  
22 FOR THE YEARS TODAY. THESE THREE SATELLITES CONTINUE TO CARRY  
23 OUT WIDELY DIFFERENT SCIENTIFIC AND MILITARY MISSIONS IN SPACE  
24 WHILE PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL VALUE BY PERFORMING MANY, MANY  
25 YEARS BEYOND THEIR REQUIRED DESIGN LIVES. WHILE THAT'S



1    IMPORTANT IN ITS OWN RIGHT, IT'S JUST AS IMPORTANT THAT THESE  
2    SATELLITES AND PAYLOADS HAVE HELPED SUSTAIN AND GROW AN  
3    AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE INDUSTRY THAT IS SO VITAL TO NOT ONLY  
4    THE REGIONAL COUNTY BUT PARTICULARLY HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
5    COUNTY AS WELL AS TO HOMELAND SECURITY. FOR THAT WE ARE PROUD  
6    TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES AND LIFESAVING  
7    COMMUNICATION PROVIDED BY THESE VARIOUS SATELLITES AND THANK  
8    NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION, A COMPANY WITH OVER 26,000  
9    EMPLOYEES HERE IN CALIFORNIA. SO NOW ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD  
10    AND MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE MANY  
11    EMPLOYEES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT THE  
12    FOLLOWING SCROLL. FIRST OF ALL FOR THE MILSTAR PROGRAM, PEGGY  
13    PAUL. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT IS THE CHANDRA X-RAY SYSTEM. FINALLY,  
14    THE AURA PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE.]

15  
16    **JOHN SPAIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN SPAIN. I'M THE  
17    DIRECTOR OF SYSTEM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AT NORTHROP  
18    GRUMMAN AEROSPACE SYSTEMS IN REDONDO BEACH. AND ON BEHALF OF  
19    THE 11,000 EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT,  
20    I WANT TO THANK HIM AS WELL AS THE FULL BOARD FOR ALL OF THEIR  
21    HELP WHEN IT IS NEEDED TO HELP RESOLVE SOME FEDERAL BUDGET  
22    ISSUES THAT SUPPORT ALL OF OUR DEFENSE AS WELL AS OUR CIVIL  
23    SPACE PROGRAMS. AS THE SUPERVISOR MENTIONED, LAST WEDNESDAY,  
24    THE CHANDRA X-RAY OBSERVATORY REACHED ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
25    OBSERVING THE COSMOS. IT'S A SPACE TELESCOPE THAT WE BUILT FOR



1 N.A.S.A. IN OUR FACILITIES AT REDONDO BEACH. IT HELPS US  
2 BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BIRTH AND THE DEATH OF STARS AS WELL AS  
3 THE EVOLUTION OF GALAXIES. AND IT HAS NOW REACHED THREE TIMES  
4 ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN LIFE. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, I BEGAN WORKING  
5 ON THE CHANDRA PROGRAM WHEN I FIRST JOINED NORTHRUP GRUMMAN  
6 BACK IN 1986. PERSONALLY I'M VERY PROUD TO HAVE HAD THE  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON SUCH A SYSTEM THAT'S ENHANCING OUR  
8 SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNIVERSE AROUND US. THANK YOU,  
9 AGAIN, SUPERVISOR KNABE. I'D LIKE NOW TO INVITE MISS PEGGY  
10 PAUL TO TALK ABOUT MILSTAR. (APPLAUSE.)

11  
12 **PEGGY PAUL:** GOOD MORNING. I AM PEGGY PAUL AND I HAVE THE  
13 PRIVILEGE OF MANAGING AN AWESOME TEAM OF FOLKS WHO OPERATE AND  
14 MAINTAIN A CONSTELLATION OF EIGHT MILITARY-PROTECTED SATELLITE  
15 COMMUNICATIONS PAYLOADS. THE VERY FIRST ONE ON A MILSTAR  
16 SATELLITE WAS LAUNCHED JUST 20 YEARS AGO. AND THIS  
17 CONSTELLATION PROVIDES WORLDWIDE COMMUNICATION FOR THE WOMEN  
18 AND MEN WHO SERVE IN OUR MILITARY IN A WAY THAT THAT  
19 COMMUNICATION IS IMMUNE FROM JAMMING, FROM INTERFERENCE AND  
20 FROM DETECTION. WE HOLD THAT MISSION VERY HIGHLY AT NORTHRUP  
21 GRUMMAN. BECAUSE IT WAS LAUNCHED 20 YEARS AGO, IT WAS  
22 ACTUALLY-- STARTED DESIGNED AND BUILT 30 YEARS AGO, AND ALL 30  
23 YEARS OF THOSE I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
24 DISTRICT, AS ALL THREE OF US HAVE. WE APPRECIATE AND  
25 UNDERSTAND THE GREAT VALUE THAT THE SUPERVISORS AND THE BOARD



1 OF SUPERVISORS ADVOCACY FOR THE AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE INDUSTRY  
2 AND WHAT THAT DOES FOR US IN THIS COUNTY. OUR SPACE PARK  
3 FACILITY IN REDONDO BEACH IS A TREMENDOUS PLACE FOR US TO  
4 BUILD THE SATELLITE CONSTELLATION. WE'RE CURRENTLY BUILDING  
5 THE THIRD GENERATION OF THOSE SATELLITES, AND TO ATTRACT THE  
6 BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST TO BE ABLE TO SERVICE THIS IMPORTANT  
7 MISSION. OUR EMPLOYEES WERE VERY EXCITED AT THE NOTION OF  
8 GETTING A PROCLAMATION FROM THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS. SO I THANK YOU VERY PROFOUNDLY FOR THAT HONOR. WE  
10 TAKE GREAT HONOR IN OUR COMPANY'S PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY.  
11 NOW I'LL TURN THE MIC. OVER TO DAN FRANKEL WHO WILL TALK ABOUT  
12 OUR SATELLITES THAT OBSERVE THE ATMOSPHERE.

13  
14 **DAN FRANKEL THANK YOU, PEGGY. MY NAME IS DAN FRANKEL AND I'M**  
15 **THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL CLIMATE MONITORING**  
16 **SATELLITE CALLED AURA WHICH IS LATIN FOR BREEZE. IT WAS BUILT**  
17 **FOR N.A.S.A. AND ON JULY 15TH IT CELEBRATED ITS 10TH**  
18 **ANNIVERSARY ON ORBITAL OPERATIONS WHICH IS SEVERAL YEARS**  
19 **BEYOND ITS DESIGN LIFE. IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO ACCEPT THIS**  
20 **PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF OUR EMPLOYEES IN REDONDO BEACH THAT**  
21 **BUILT SUCH GREAT QUALITY INTO THE SATELLITES. YOU KNOW, BEING**  
22 **PART OF A GOOD CORPORATE CITIZEN IS PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**  
23 **AROUND US, WHICH THESE SATELLITES DO SO WELL. LOS ANGELES HAS**  
24 **BEEN AT THE CENTER OF A LOT OF SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES IN THE**  
25 **EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. AND THE RESULTING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES**





1 AROUND THAT AND IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO GET TO WORK WITH THE  
2 COUNTY AND N.A.S.A. TO BE ABLE TO BE PART OF THESE  
3 DISCOVERIES. THE SATELLITES WILL BE DOING THIS FOR MANY YEARS  
4 TO COME. AND IT'S BEEN OBSERVING EVERYTHING FROM THE UPPER  
5 ATMOSPHERE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO OUR OWN BACKYARD. SO WE WANT TO  
6 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 >>SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO NORTHRUP  
9 GRUMMAN. THANK YOU. NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK THE ST. PAUL HIGH  
10 SCHOOL SOFTBALL C.I.F. SECTION DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS TO JOIN  
11 US. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE WITH US KATY CIVAS THE PRINCIPAL,  
12 CASEY MORALES, THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, COACH JIM MAYOR,  
13 ASSISTANT COACH NATALIE SHARP AND THE PLAYERS. SOME OF THE  
14 PLAYERS ARE IN TOURNAMENTS TODAY AND OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A BIG  
15 TIME OF YEAR FOR SOFTBALL. SO WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE THESE  
16 PLAYERS WITH US TODAY. TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE  
17 C.I.F. SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONSHIP. THEIR TEAM  
18 HAD A SEASON, AS I AM REMINDED UPSTAIRS, TO NEVER FORGET. THEY  
19 WENT 13-3 IN THE PRESEASON AND WERE RUNNERS UP IN SEVERAL  
20 TOURNAMENTS, INCLUDING CHARTER OAK AND BREA. THE FINAL  
21 PRESEASON TOURNAMENT SAW THEM CAPTURE THE SAVANNA TOURNAMENT  
22 WITH A 1-0 VICTORY OVER SUNNY HILLS. DURING THE REGULAR SEASON  
23 ST. PAUL'S RECORD WAS 11-1, WHICH EARNED THEM THE DEL REY  
24 LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE. THE SWORDSMEN FINISHED THE SEASON  
25 24-4 AND EARNED THEMSELVES A FOURTH SEED IN THE C.I.F.



1 PLAYOFFS. THEY THEN WENT ON TO ADVANCE TO THE FINALS AND  
2 PLAYED LOCAL RIVAL LACERNA HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP  
3 GAME. ST. PAUL WENT INTO THE FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AS AN  
4 UNDERDOG BUT CAME OUT ON TOP 2-1 TO CAPTURE THE DIVISION 3  
5 CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE. THEY FINISHED THE SEASON 29-4. THE LADIES  
6 SERGEANTS WERE NAMED DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS BY CAL HIGH SPORTS.  
7 FIVE PLAYERS WERE NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL LEAGUE. THREE SECOND  
8 TEAM ALL LEAGUE. AND THEY HAVE THE DEL REY LEAGUE PLAYER OF  
9 THE YEAR AND DEL REY PICTURE OF THE YEAR AND THE C.I.F.  
10 DIVISION PLAYER OF THE YEAR. HEAD COACH JIM MAYOR WAS NAMED  
11 WHITTIER AREA ALL COACH OF THE YEAR, DIVISION 3 C.I.F. COACH  
12 OF THE YEAR, DIVISION 3 STATE COACH OF THE YEAR, AND HE SHARES  
13 THESE HONORS WITH HIS ASSISTANT COACHES NATALIE SHARP AND  
14 STEPHANIE JIMENEZ. SO WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO CONGRATULATE  
15 ST. PAUL HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE AND  
16 REMARKABLE 2014 SEASON. SO LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
17 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] NOW THEY ALL GOT THE SCROLLS UPSTAIRS  
18 BUT THERE'S A GENTLEMAN OVER HERE THAT SOMEONE MAY RECOGNIZE,  
19 SANTOS STANDING THERE BACK AND FORTH. HE HAS A DAUGHTER ON  
20 THIS TEAM. SO SANTOS IS UP THERE. CONGRATULATIONS. SO, SANTOS,  
21 CONGRATULATIONS. RAISE YOUR HAND RIGHT THERE. WE HAD THIS  
22 RECOGNITION PROBLEM UPSTAIRS, TOO. COACH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO  
23 SAY A COUPLE WORDS? PRINCIPAL? ANYBODY WANT TO GO TO THE  
24 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE? OH THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, I'M SORRY.  
25



1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WE'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
2 TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GIVING US AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO BE RECOGNIZED HERE. THE GREAT JOB THAT THESE  
4 GIRLS DID ALL YEAR LONG. THE ABILITY TO PLAY TOGETHER AS A  
5 TEAM AND WORK UNDER JIM MAYOR AND COACH JIMENEZ AND COACH  
6 SHARP AS THEY BEGAN. THEY BEGAN THE YEAR WITH SOME GREAT  
7 EXPECTATIONS AND DEFINITELY LIVED UP TO THOSE. SO THE LESSONS  
8 THAT THEY LEARNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND AS THEY CARRIED  
9 THEMSELVES AND PERSEVERED ARE GOING TO TAKE THEM A LONG WAY IN  
10 THE FUTURE. YOU KNOW, WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY  
11 TO BE HERE AND BE RECOGNIZED AS THESE GIRLS TAKE THIS WITH  
12 THEM. IT WAS QUITE AN EXCITING YEAR TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE  
13 SMALL SCHOOL, AS WE ARE ONE OF THE SMALL SCHOOLS IN OUR  
14 DIVISION TO BE ABLE TO OVERCOME MANY OF THE LARGER SCHOOLS AND  
15 BEAT PEOPLE ALONG THE WAY AND GIVE THESE GIRLS A HECK OF AN  
16 OPPORTUNITY AND A STANDARD THAT OUR SOFTBALL TEAMS WILL HAVE  
17 TO LIVE UP TO IN THE FUTURE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND HAVE A  
18 GREAT DAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO  
23 RECOGNIZE FOR HER SERVICE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION  
24 ON CHILDREN SERVICES THE CITY COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE CITY OF  
25 MONROVIA, BECKY SHEVLIN, WHO IS HERE TODAY. SHE HAS SERVED



1 WITH DISTINCTION ON THE COMMISSION AND SHE'S ALSO THE CHAIRMAN  
2 FIRST TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION  
3 FOR WOMEN. AND SHE HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB BOTH AT HER CITY  
4 AS A COUNCILWOMAN AND AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, LEADER IN HER  
5 CHURCH AND LEADER ON THE TWO COMMISSIONS. AND WE APPRECIATE  
6 HER SERVICE AND WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AS YOU CONTINUE  
7 WITH THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN AS YOU LEAD THE COMMISSION ON  
8 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

9

10 **BECKY SHEVLIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR THE  
11 OPPORTUNITY AND THE HONOR TO HAVE SERVED ON THE COMMISSION. I  
12 REGRET HAVING TO LEAVE. IT IS A GREAT COMMISSION WITH GREAT  
13 INDIVIDUALS, WONDERFUL STAFF. THEY DO SUCH IMPORTANT WORK. AND  
14 I JUST REGRET HAVING TO LEAVE AND MOVE ON, BUT IT IS AN HONOR  
15 FOR ME TO CONTINUE ON IN THE CAPACITY AS THE CHAIR OF THE  
16 COMMISSION FOR WOMEN. AND I STRIVE TO WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE  
17 YOU-- SERVE YOU HONORABLY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 12-WEEK OLD MORTIMER.  
20 IT'S A TERRIER MIX. LITTLE BLACK DOG WITH WHITE FEET. WHITE  
21 PAWS. LOOK AT THIS. LITTLE MORTIMER. SO HE'S LOOKING FOR A  
22 HOME. ANYONE LIKE TO ADOPT? YOU CAN CALL THE NUMBER ON YOUR  
23 TELEVISION SCREEN, 562-728-4610 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE,  
24 SEE THOSE LITTLE PAWS? LOOK UP, MORT. LITTLE MORTIMER WILL  
25 YOUR HAPPY, HAPPY. HAPPY FAMILY WITH LITTLE MORTIMER.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU  
3 HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY  
4 PRESENTATIONS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN  
7 AND COLLEAGUES. I'M PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY DONZELLA LEE  
8 WHO IS A POLICY DIRECTOR FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS  
9 AND SHE'S HERE TO ADDRESS "KNOW YOUR DIGITS" MONTH, WHICH IS  
10 NEXT MONTH. COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS WILL BE RECOGNIZING THIS  
11 IMPORTANT EFFORT, WHY? TO PROMOTE HYPER ATTENTION TO  
12 HYPERTENSION AWARENESS. AND MANY OF US ALREADY KNOW THAT  
13 HYPERTENSION HAS PLAGUED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR MANY,  
14 MANY YEARS. AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND LATINOS IN PARTICULAR  
15 EXPERIENCE EXTREMELY HIGH RATES OF BLOOD PRESSURE. AND, YET,  
16 MANY ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS FACT BECAUSE THEY ARE RARELY  
17 SYMPTOMS THAT WOULD CAUSE THEM TO BE ALERT. AND AS A RESULT OF  
18 THAT, IT IS NICKNAMED THE SILENT KILLER. WHEN UNCONTROLLED,  
19 CHRONIC HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE CAN LEAD TO VISION PROBLEM, HEART  
20 ATTACKS, STROKES AND KIDNEY AS WELL AS CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.  
21 THEREFORE, IT IS CRUCIAL TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE  
22 OF MANAGING AND PREVENTING, TO RESTATE THAT, PREVENTING HIGH  
23 BLOOD PRESSURE. THIS YEAR COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS IS  
24 SPONSORING "KNOW YOUR DIGITS," BE IN CONTROL. THIS IS A  
25 CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS TO SEEK



1 SCREENING AND HYPERTENSION MANAGEMENT AND MOTIVATE THOSE WHO  
2 ARE UNINSURED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR HEALTHCARE OPTIONS.  
3 THE COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS IS PARTNERING WITH THE AMERICAN  
4 HEART ASSOCIATION, THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY, COUNTY OF  
5 LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY, NORTH GATE GONZALES MARKETS,  
6 EVEREST COLLEGE AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
7 PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROVIDE FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS AT  
8 EVENTS THROUGHOUT OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. SO AT THIS TIME  
9 WE WANT TO ASK DONZELLA, IF SHE WOULD COME FORWARD AND SAY A  
10 FEW WORDS AND TO EXPRESS THANKS TO THE RESPECTIVE  
11 ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONSTITUTE THIS COLLABORATIVE AS WE GET  
12 READY FOR HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH. PLEASE WELCOME  
13 DONZELLA LEE. [APPLAUSE.]

14  
15 **DONZELLA LEE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY  
16 HEALTH COUNCILS, OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OUR EXECUTIVE  
17 DIRECTOR MARK GALLOWAY GILLIAN, OUR CONSTITUENTS AND ALL OF  
18 THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
19 THOMAS FOR PROCLAIMING AUGUST AS KNOW YOUR DIGITS MONTH. ONE  
20 IN THREE COUNTY RESIDENTS HAS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND IS NOT  
21 AWARE OF IT. IF LEFT UNTREATED, IT CAN LEAD TO EVEN MORE  
22 SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS, SUCH AS HEART FAILURE OR STROKE. WE  
23 DEVELOPED THIS CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS TO GET  
24 SCREENED, LEARN THEIR DIGITS AND TALK WITH A HEALTH  
25 PROFESSIONAL ABOUT DEVELOPING A GOOD PLAN FOR THEIR HEALTH.





1 THIS CAMPAIGN IS ALSO DESIGNED TO PROMOTE EXISTING AND CREATE  
2 NEW RESOURCES TO PREVENT AND MANAGE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. WE  
3 HAVE OVER 30 PARTNERS WHO DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST WILL BE  
4 DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND ARE HOSTING BLOOD PRESSURE  
5 SCREENINGS. HAVING THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS REINFORCES OUR DESIRE THAT THIS CAMPAIGN BECOME A  
7 REGIONAL EFFORT WITH BROAD BASE SUPPORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
8 SEEING KNOW YOUR DIGITS, BE IN CONTROL, AND DEVELOP AND ARE  
9 GLAD TO HAVE THE BOARD AS PARTNERS. THANK YOU MUCH.

10 [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I DO KNOW MY  
13 DIGITS, AND WE'LL DISCUSS THAT AT ANOTHER TIME. THANK YOU SO  
14 MUCH.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IN FACT, WE CAN GET THE  
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WE'LL PROCEED WITH OUR AGENDA. AGAIN, I  
18 UNDERSTOOD THAT THE HOLD ON 32 HAS BEEN RELEASED. WITH THAT,  
19 THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE THAT ITEM, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
20 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE  
21 ONE PERSON WITH MULTIPLE HOLDS, MR. SACHS, COME ON FORWARD, 1-  
22 P, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 23, 28, 29, 30, 34, 41  
23 AND 48.

24



1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
2   I DID HOLD MULTIPLE ITEMS AND WE CAN GO THROUGH THEM PRETTY  
3   QUICKLY. I HELD NO. 1, IT'S THE SUNSHINE CANYON APPOINTEE. AND  
4   I JUST HELD THAT BECAUSE ON THE 17TH OF JULY, THERE WAS AN  
5   ARTICLE ABOUT AIR RULES TIERED. FEDERAL E.P.A. STIFFENED  
6   STANDARDS FOR REFINERIES, REGULATIONS AIMED AT REDUCING 5600  
7   TONS OF CHEMICALS PER YEAR RELEASED BY THE NATION'S 149  
8   FACILITIES. AND I'M THINKING TO MYSELF: WELL, THE SUNSHINE  
9   CANYON LANDFILL DOES 6600 TONS A WEEK IN A REDUCTION. DO THE  
10   MATH. SEE? WE'RE GOING TO DOUBLE, INCREASE DAILY SOLID WASTE  
11   INTAKE FROM 6,000 TONS PER DAY TO 12,100 TONS PER DAY AND BY  
12   THE WAY, THIS IS FROM MAY OR JUNE 7, 2006. 6,000 TONS PER DAY  
13   TO 12,100 TONS PER DAY. WEEKLY INTAKE OF 36,000 TONS TO 66,000  
14   TONS. THAT'S A DIFFERENCE OF 6600 TONS A WEEK! AND THE FEDERAL  
15   GOVERNMENT IS TALKING ABOUT 5600 TONS A YEAR. WHY DON'T THEY  
16   JUST DO THE COUNTY MATH? AND THEN I HELD ITEM 12 FOR POSITION  
17   RECLASSIFICATION, AND I BRING UP THAT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE  
18   SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CLASSIFICATION IN  
19   SALARIES SHE TALKED ABOUT LAST MONTH, JULY 1ST, REGARDING THE  
20   ARTS COMMISSION AND HOW MUCH THAT COUNTS TO THE COUNTY WHEN  
21   YOU DO THESE CLASSIFICATION SALARIES, SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT AN  
22   R12, R13 AND R15 CATEGORIES AND EACH ONE BEING DIFFERENT IN  
23   WHAT IT COSTS THE COUNTY. I HELD THE GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT,  
24   I'M THINKING ABOUT THE L.A.X. MASTER PLAN 2007, \$250 MILLION.  
25   WHERE WAS THE COUNTY BOARD? WHO WAS REPRESENTING THE BOARD AT



1 THAT TIME? I HELD 17. IT DEALS WITH LAYERICS, WHICH IS THE  
2 REGIONAL OPERATIVE SYSTEM. AND THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE  
3 DAILY BREEZE FROM JUNE 20TH. SOMEBODY WHO'S GOT 40 YEARS OF  
4 INPUT IN THIS TALKS ABOUT HOW TORRANCE AND RANCHOS PALOS  
5 VERDES ESTATE ARE PULLING OUT BECAUSE IT'S A BOONDOGGLE. 25  
6 YEARS OF EXPENSIVE ATTEMPTS TO ACHIEVE THIS AND NOTHING'S GONE  
7 ON. THEN I HELD-- WHAT THE HELL DID I HOLD? I HELD-- ITEM 34  
8 WAS A \$5,000 A MONTH RENTAL. AND YOU HAVE FOUR ITEMS ON YOUR  
9 AGENDA REGARDING COSTS. \$17,000 FOR THE WHITTIER REGIONAL  
10 RECREATION AREA ONE DAY. I HELD ITEM 41, BOILERPLATE LANGUAGE.  
11 THIS IS COUNTY BOILERPLATE LANGUAGE, BLAH BLAH, BLAH BLAH,  
12 BLAH BLAH. UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO TALK  
13 ABOUT OTHER THINGS BUT WE'LL COME BACK. TWO MINUTES? TWO  
14 MINUTES. IMPRESSED WITH THAT.

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE ITEMS, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.  
17 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
18 GOT THE ITEMS, CORRECT?

19  
20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I DO. DO YOU WANT ME TO READ THEM  
21 FOR THE RECORD?

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T YOU FOR THE RECORD READ THE  
24 ITEMS WE JUST APPROVED, PLEASE?



1 **SPEAKER:** .

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3 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 1-P, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11,  
4 14, 15, 17, 23, 28, 29, 30, 34, 41 AND 48. THANK YOU.

5  
6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET'S SEE. SUPERVISOR  
7 YAROSLAVSKY'S UP FIRST, I BELIEVE. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO  
8 ASK THAT THE BOARD ADJOURN-- I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL  
9 JOIN ME ON THIS ONE-- IN THE MEMORY OF ANDREA RICH WHO PASSED  
10 AWAY LAST NIGHT.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

13  
14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS-- AT U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER.  
15 I'VE KNOWN ANDREA FOR AT LEAST 35 YEARS. I KNEW HER AT  
16 U.C.L.A. WHEN SHE WAS EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND BASICALLY  
17 THE ALTER EGO TO CHANCELLOR CHARLES YOUNG. KNEW HER WHEN SHE  
18 CAME TO RUN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART AS ITS  
19 PRESIDENT AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH HER OVER ALL OF THE YEARS  
20 SHE SERVED THERE. AND I THINK IT PAYS TO SAY THAT ANDREA TOOK  
21 A FLOUNDERING MUSEUM THAT WAS IN FINANCIAL TROUBLE AND TURNED  
22 IT AROUND AND POSITIONED IT TO DO THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT  
23 IT'S POISED TO DO AT PRESENT. WITHOUT HER VERY DISCIPLINED AND  
24 TOUGH-MINDED POLICIES AT THE MUSEUM, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THAT  
25 POSITION TODAY. I KNEW HER AS A BRILLIANT, FUNNY, COMMITTED,



1 TAKE-NO PRISONERS KIND OF INDIVIDUAL. EVEN WHEN SHE WAS AT THE  
 2 MUSEUM, THE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART, SHE WAS NOT UNWILLING TO  
 3 TAKE ON SOME VERY POWERFUL INTERESTS WHO DID NOT HAVE THE  
 4 MUSEUM'S BEST INTERESTS, NECESSARILY AT HEART. SHE DID THE  
 5 SAME AT U.C.L.A. SHE DID THE SAME IN THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES  
 6 AND BOARDS THAT SHE SERVED ON, INCLUDING THE BLUE RIBBON  
 7 COMMISSION THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA APPOINTED HER TO ON CHILD  
 8 SAFETY. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. HER 71ST BIRTHDAY WAS JUST  
 9 LAST WEEK. AND SHE HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM A SERIOUS BACK  
 10 PROBLEM, SPINAL PROBLEM FOR MANY YEARS. AND EVEN WHILE SHE  
 11 WORKED FOR THE COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART FOR MANY OF THOSE YEARS,  
 12 SHE WOULD COME TO WORK UNDER THE GREATEST DURESS, BUT PUT IN  
 13 HER FULL DAY'S WORK. MORE THAN A FULL DAY'S WORK. AND THEN  
 14 JUST A MONTH OR SO AGO, SHE CAME OUT OF NOWHERE, CAME A STRAIN  
 15 OF LEUKEMIA WHICH KILLED HER IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.  
 16 SO I'M SORRY TO BRING THAT NEWS TO THE BOARD. IT'S A GREAT  
 17 LOSS TO THE COUNTY ON A WHOLE LOT OF FRONTS. A GREAT LOSS TO  
 18 THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
 19 ANDREA RICH WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE HISTORY OF THIS  
 20 COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER TWO SONS, ROBERT AND  
 21 ANTHONY, AND A GRANDDAUGHTER. AND HER HUSBAND JOHN PREDECEASED  
 22 HER IN 2012. I ALSO HAVE ONE OTHER--

23  
 24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT WAS ALL MEMBERS. WHAT A TRAGEDY.



1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I WILL CO-  
2 PRESENT IT. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NICK  
3 FAGNANO, A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. HANCOCK PARK  
4 PART OF OUR DISTRICT WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 20 OVER  
5 THE WEEKEND WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTENING DURING A FREAK  
6 STORM OVER VENICE BEACH THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN MADE AWARE OF AND  
7 KNOW ABOUT. A PRODUCT OF SAINT BRENDAN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND  
8 NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL, HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO  
9 ENROLLING AT U.S.C. THIS FALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY PARENTS  
10 NICHOLAS SR. AND MARY. I WOULD ALSO MENTION THAT ONE OF OUR  
11 OWN OFF DUTY LIFEGUARDS WAS NOT KILLED BUT SERIOUSLY INJURED  
12 AND IS IN INTENSIVE CARE AS WE SPEAK HAVING BEEN HIT IN THAT  
13 SAME-- FREAK IS NOT THE WORD FOR IT-- LIGHTNING STORM THAT WE  
14 HAD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON. BUT I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
15 OF NICK FAGNANO.

16  
17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE. OH, I'M NOT HOLDING  
20 ANYTHING.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE NOT HOLDING ANYTHING. WELL,  
23 THAT'S A SHOCKER. ANDREA, GREAT LADY. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN  
24 TODAY IN MEMORY OF YOLANDA ORNELAS WILSON, A LONG TIME  
25 MONTEBELLO RESIDENT. SHE PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY, JULY 24TH.





1 SHE SERVED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR 40 YEARS. YOLANDA  
2 BEGAN A CAREER AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
3 HOSPITALS AND CAME TO THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE WHERE SHE RETIRED IN  
4 1986. SHE HAD A SPECIAL LOVE FOR THE COUNTY, ALWAYS SAID L.A.  
5 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE THE BEST. YOLANDA JOINS HER BELOVED  
6 HUSBAND, LIEUTENANT KEN WILSON, SHERIFF, HER PARENTS,  
7 BROTHERS, GRANDSON AMONG MANY OTHER RELATIVES. SHE'S SURVIVED  
8 BY HER FOUR DAUGHTERS, BARBARA SANCHEZ, ARMIDA JOHNSON,  
9 CHRISTINA SANCHEZ GARCIA, SUSIE JORDAN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, AS  
10 WELL AS THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY HER  
11 FOUR SISTERS AND MANY NEPHEWS AND NIECES WHO WILL ALL MISS HER  
12 JOY AND LAUGHTER THAT SHE BROUGHT TO THE FAMILY. AND MANY OF  
13 YOU KNOW ONE OF THOSE SISTERS, AND THAT'S CARMEN PEREZ.  
14 HUSBAND JOSEPH, DAUGHTER DENISE, SON RICK, GRANDSON SCOTT,  
15 DOMINIC AND TOM AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. YOLANDA WAS A  
16 SPECIAL LADY HERE IN THE COUNTY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS WORKING  
17 IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, WORKING FOR THE C.E.O., A FRIEND TO  
18 MANY OF US OVER THE YEARS, AND SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO  
19 KNEW AND LOVED HER.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, LET ME SECOND THAT SHE WAS-- SHE  
22 AND HER HUSBAND WERE BOTH VERY SPECIAL BOTH AT THE WORKPLACE  
23 AND OUT OF THE WORKPLACE. WE SHARED MANY GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS  
24 FOR OUR COUNTY AND STATE AND NATION. AND SHE WAS ACTIVE TO THE



1 END. VERY GOOD ROLE MODEL AND A VERY FINE PROFESSIONAL AND  
2 FRIEND.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. VOLUNTEERED FOR EVERYTHING.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EVERYTHING.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LONG TIME  
9 FRIEND ALBERT BOYSEN A LAKEWOOD RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
10 JULY 12TH. HE WAS BORN IN OMAHA AND MARRIED HIS HIGH SCHOOL  
11 SWEETHEART, BARBARA. THEY WERE MARRIED FOR 65 YEARS. THEY  
12 MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN 1950. AL COMPLETED HIS SERVICE IN THE  
13 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DURING THE KOREAN CONFLICT. HE  
14 PURSUED A CAREER IN BANKING, AND WHILE WORKING HIS WAY UP TO  
15 VICE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR LOAN OFFICER, AL JOINED THE OPTIMIST  
16 CLUB AND ROTARY CLUB AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH  
17 MANY CHARITABLE PROJECTS TO BENEFIT CHILDREN AND THOSE IN  
18 NEED. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.C.L.A. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION,  
19 FRIEND OF THE UNIVERSITY, LIFE LONG BRUIN FAN. HE RECRUITED  
20 ATHLETES, FIRST FOR U.C.L.A. TRACK AND FIELD, A LATER,  
21 ENTHUSIASTICALLY SCOUTED TALENT FOR THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM. HE  
22 WAS ALSO A PASSIONATE GOLFER AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE RIO HONDO  
23 MEN'S GOLF CLUB AND PROUDLY DISPLAYED HIS DUNLOP HOLE IN ONE  
24 TROPHY. HE IS SURVIVED BY WIFE BARBARA, DAUGHTERS KATHERYN AND  
25 HER HUSBAND BILL, KAITLYN AND HER HUSBAND ROGER, SIX



1 GRANDCHILDREN, TEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, SISTER DOROTHY,  
2 BROTHER BILL, NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND MANY, MANY NUMEROUS  
3 FRIENDS AT CHURCH. HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW  
4 HIM. BOTH OF THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNMENTS, SO ORDERED. I  
5 DIDN'T HOLD ANYTHING, BUT I DO HAVE A COUPLE COMMENTS IN  
6 REGARDS TO THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE. AS YOU KNOW, BACK IN  
7 DECEMBER WHEN I BECAME CHAIRMAN, I ISSUED A CHALLENGE TO OUR  
8 DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER ON INNOVATION AND CUSTOMER  
9 SERVICE KINDS OF PROGRAMS. THE GOAL WAS TO SET OUR DEPARTMENTS  
10 TO STOP WORKING WITHIN THEIR SILOS AND INSTEAD WORK TOGETHER.  
11 AS WE'RE NOW OVER HALFWAY THROUGH MY TERM, I WANTED TO THANK  
12 MANY COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR REALLY STEPPING UP ON THIS  
13 CHALLENGE. SO FAR, OUR DEPARTMENTS HAVE SUBMITTED OVER 100  
14 PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION. AND, AGAIN, WE'RE NOT JUST GOING  
15 TO PICK ONE. ANY ONE THAT PASSES THE TEST OF A CHAIRMAN'S  
16 CHALLENGE WILL BE A WINNER. WHILE MANY OF THE PROJECTS ARE  
17 TECHNOLOGY-FOCUSED, THINGS LIKE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SUBMIT AND  
18 TRACK CONSUMER COMPLAINTS ONLINE OR ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO  
19 REPORT THROUGH AN APP THE NEED FOR TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT COUNTY  
20 PARKS, ALL THAT GREAT STUFF. BUT AS I SAID IN JANUARY, IT'S  
21 NOT JUST ABOUT TECHNOLOGY. WHAT I'VE SEEN IN THE 100 PROJECTS  
22 SUBMITTED THUS FAR WAS A REAL EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN THE WALLS  
23 THAT PREVENT US FROM PROVIDING THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE FOR  
24 THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EARLIER  
25 THIS MONTH, ONE OF THESE PROJECTS CAME TO LIFE IN THE COUNTY'S



1 FIRST EVER PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON FEMALE VETERANS AND  
2 THEIR TRANSITION BEYOND MILITARY SERVICE. WE WORKED ACROSS  
3 PARTY LINES AND OUTSIDE PARTNERS TO LAUNCH THIS IMPORTANT  
4 EFFORT AT THE BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC CALL JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO. SO  
5 TERRIFIC WORK HAS ALSO BEEN DONE ACROSS DEPARTMENTS, D.C.F.S.,  
6 CONSUMER AFFAIRS, PROBATION, MENTAL HEALTH, D.P.S.S., PUBLIC  
7 HEALTH, GREAT PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSITIONING OUT OF  
8 FOSTER CARE, TO HELP THEM WITH LIFE SKILLS, JOB TRAINING, AND  
9 FINANCIAL LITERACY SO THAT THEY CAN BE SELF-SUFFICIENT. AGAIN  
10 I WANT TO THANK ALL THE DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY STEPPING UP ON  
11 THIS AND I ALSO SAID IN JANUARY, WE WANT THIS INTERACTION WITH  
12 OUR COUNTY AND OUR FAMILY HERE AND THE FOLKS THAT WE REPRESENT  
13 TO BE LIKE INTERACTING WITH AMAZON. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
14 EFFORTS THAT THE COUNTY FAMILY HAS MADE THUS FAR TO MOVE US IN  
15 THAT DIRECTION AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MORE DETAIL AND  
16 UPDATES ON MILESTONES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SO, AGAIN, THANK  
17 YOU TO THOSE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE WORKED  
18 HARD TO MOVE FORWARD. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY OF  
21 THE FOLLOWING AS WE ADJOURN TODAY. LIEUTENANT JOSEPH BALE. HE  
22 WAS A LIEUTENANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE  
23 WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT THIS PAST  
24 SUNDAY. HE WAS ONLY 52 YEARS OF AGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
25 MOTHER, BROTHER, SISTERS, HIS NIECES AND NEPHEWS. DR. STEVE



1 C.K. LIU, MEDICAL DOCTOR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. HIS  
2 MEDICAL DEGREE WAS FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY. HE DEVELOPED A  
3 CARDIOLOGY EQUIPMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SCHOOL OF  
4 MEDICINE. HE WAS THE FIRST CHIEF OF CARDIOLOGY AT HARBOR-  
5 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AND SERVED AS U.C.L.A.'S DIRECTOR OF  
6 CARDIOLOGY FROM 1970 TO 1988. IN 2007, LITTLE COMPANY OF  
7 MARY'S HOSPITAL NAMED THEIR CARDIOLOGY UNIT AFTER HIM, AND THE  
8 RESEARCH FACILITY AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER WAS ALSO  
9 DEDICATED TO HIM AND HIS WIFE MILLY LIU. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
10 TWO CHILDREN, PATRICIA AND RICHARD. CHUCK SATHER, LONG TIME  
11 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE  
12 CORPS DURING VIETNAM. WAS EMPLOYED WITH VON'S FOR 30 YEARS. HE  
13 WORKED AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER WITH THE CITY OF  
14 LANCASTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER AND HIS BROTHERS.  
15 VICTOR HARRIS, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA, PASSED AWAY AT  
16 THE AGE OF 96. HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE BOY SCOUTS SINCE 1955,  
17 RECEIVING NUMEROUS SCOUTING AWARDS INCLUDING THE SILVER BEAVER  
18 AWARD, THE SILVER ANTELOPE AWARD AND THE INTERNATIONAL  
19 SCOUTERS AWARD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN. SANDY  
20 WESTON BOULWARE, RESIDENT EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE HAD  
21 WORKED WITH THE INDIAN HILL INSURANCE AGENCY, LED THE WOMEN'S  
22 BIBLE STUDIES AT GLEN KIRK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. WAS A GIRL  
23 SCOUT LEADER, KIWANIS LEADER, TAUGHT THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY  
24 SCHOOL AND SHARED THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM FOR THE LA VERNE SAN  
25 DIMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND AND



1 HER DAUGHTERS. ROBERT, BOB CHARLES DRIFFILL OF BURBANK, PASSED  
2 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. HE WAS THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE  
3 GLENDALE Y.M.C.A. GRADUATE OF AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY AND HE  
4 PLAYED OUTFIELD FOR THE COUGARS FOR TWO YEARS. HE WAS FOUNDER  
5 OF THE Y.M.C.A.'S BASEBALL PROGRAM, SERVED AS THE ATHLETIC  
6 DIRECTOR, MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
7 AND PRESIDENT OF THE GLENDALE CHARACTER AND ETHICS PROJECT. HE  
8 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CAROL AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN.

9 FELICIANO VALDEZ GIL, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HE WAS A  
10 FOUNDER OF GIL'S DISTRIBUTING SERVICE AND ALSO THE  
11 INTERNATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM IN THE EARLY '70S. HE WAS  
12 INVOLVED WITH THAT. FOUNDER OF THAT FOR THE LITTLE LEAGUE. HE  
13 HELPED WITH THE NORTH VALLEY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER. HE  
14 EARNED THE NICKNAME JUNK MAIL KING AS A RESULT OF HIS SUCCESS  
15 IN DISTRIBUTING VARIOUS COMPANIES. DR. EDMOND NOLL PASSED AWAY  
16 ON JULY 19TH. GRADUATE OF THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. HE  
17 WAS A CLINICAL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT U.S.C. FOR 20 YEARS AND  
18 WAS THE E.M.S. MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE GLENDALE FIRE  
19 DEPARTMENT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.

20 JEREMIAH HORTON OF LANCASTER WAS A 2001 GRADUATE OF QUARTZ  
21 HILL HIGH SCHOOL. HE WAS TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
22 31. HE HAD JOINED THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, SERVED IN  
23 COMBAT IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND  
24 HIS TWO DAUGHTERS AND STEP SONS. NORMA PONTELLO OF ARCADIA,  
25 WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF ARCADIA. WAS



1 ON THEIR BOARD AS A TREASURER. SHE SERVED AS OPERATIONS SCHOOL  
2 BELL CHAIRMAN, WORKED WITH THE KIDS ON THE BLOCK, LONG-RANGE  
3 PLANNING SOCIAL NEWSLETTER, ALSO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE FOOTHILL  
4 UNITY CENTER. MEMBER OF THE ARCADIA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S  
5 CONFEDERATED. AND FORMERLY, SHE HAD BEEN THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
6 FOR FORMER SENATOR ROBERT MARGETT. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
7 HUSBAND JIM. JOSEPH LANE WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE  
8 HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR CORPS DURING WORLD  
9 WAR II. HE WAS AN EDUCATOR FOR 34 YEARS AND SERVED THE PAST 25  
10 YEARS AS A DOCENT FOR THE GENE AUTRY MUSEUM, GRIFFITH PARK. HE  
11 IS PRESIDENT OF THE DOCENTS THERE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS THREE  
12 CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A MOTION TO READ. "WHILE VICTIMS  
17 RARELY APPEAR AT OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS TO  
18 INFLUENCE OUR POLICIES, THEY ARE IMPORTANT STAKEHOLDERS IN THE  
19 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO WHOM WE HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT.  
20 VICTIMS OF CRIMES SUFFER FINANCIAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL  
21 HARDSHIPS. THE EFFECTS OF THE CRIME LAST A LIFETIME.  
22 GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS ALLOW VICTIMS OF CERTAIN CRIMES TO  
23 RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOSSES UNDER THE CALIFORNIA  
24 VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM. OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
25 ALSO ADMINISTERS THE VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR



1 OUR COUNTY. THE PENAL CODE AUTHORIZES CERTAIN MANDATORY AND  
2 OPTIONAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE VICTIMS OF CRIME.  
3 MANDATORY SERVICES INCLUDE CRISIS INTERVENTION, COUNSELING  
4 RESOURCE AND REFERRAL, ASSISTANCE IN FILING A CALIFORNIA  
5 VICTIM COMPENSATION CLAIM, ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE VICTIM'S  
6 PROPERTY RETURNED, COURT ESCORT AND SUPPORT. OPTIONAL SERVICES  
7 INCLUDE CREDITOR INTERVENTION, CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE, FUNERAL  
8 ARRANGEMENT ASSISTANCE, WITNESS PROTECTION ASSISTANCE,  
9 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE, AND TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
10 INFORMATION. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE DISTRICT  
11 ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE BOARD REGARDING THOSE  
12 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA VICTIM  
13 COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND TO THE VICTIM WITNESS ASSISTANCE  
14 PROGRAM ADMINISTERED LOCALLY BY OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
15 OFFICE, IDENTIFY GAPS IN THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO  
16 VICTIMS TO WHICH RESOURCES ARE UNAVAILABLE OR ALLOWABLE UNDER  
17 THE STATE'S PROGRAM, PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS SERVICES  
18 AND ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS CAN BE ENHANCED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL,  
19 AND HAVE THE REPORT, PROVIDE IT WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
20 REPORT DUE IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ON THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE  
21 DIVERSION PROGRAM," MR. CHAIRMAN.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU GOING TO PULL UP THE ITEM OR  
24 HAVE GLORIA DO HER ADJOURNMENTS, WE CAN DO EITHER ONE.





1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NO. 33, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS  
2 WANTED IT CONTINUED TO THREE WEEKS. BECAUSE THIS ISSUE IS--  
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, OUR MOTION ON DUAL TRACKING THE MIRA LOMA  
4 AND THE DOWNTOWN JAIL-- I WOULD ALLOW IT TO BE CONTINUED ONE  
5 WEEK, BUT WE WANT TO KEEP ON TRACK SO BOTH PROJECTS ARE MOVING  
6 FORWARD. BUT I WOULD ACCEPT A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE TO NEXT  
7 WEEK, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME? WE HAVE A COUPLE OF SPEAKERS,  
10 JESSE WECHSLER AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS, AND  
13 THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THIS, BUT ACTUALLY, MY QUESTION IS IN  
14 IS A COUNTY-FUNDED PROGRAM? \$14,500,000 CONTRACT? SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS THOMAS HIRING VETS FOR CONSTRUCTION. DOES THAT  
16 FALL WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF THE HIRING VETS FOR CONSTRUCTION  
17 INITIATIVE? I KNOW IT'S NOT ACTUALLY HAMMERS AND NAILS. BUT  
18 IT'S PART OF THE PROCESS. SO DO YOU HIRE VETS FOR THIS  
19 PROCESS? ARE THEY INCLUDED? WILL THE C.E.O. WHO IS GIVEN  
20 AUTHORITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF COUNTY PROJECTS THAT WOULD HAVE  
21 VETS IN THE CONSTRUCTION, AND IT'S JUST A SHAME THAT ALL THEY  
22 WANT TO DO IS BANG A HAMMER. THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
23 THINK OR PLAN OR DO ANY OF THIS ENGINEERING WORK THAT IS  
24 INVOLVED, WILL THEY BE INCLUDED? OR IS THAT JUST WHAT DO THEY  
25 CALL THEM? A LOOPHOLE. THAT STRICTLY BEING OUT IN THE FIELD,



1 DOING THAT WORK, NONE OF THIS ENGINEERING WORK. AND WILL THESE  
2 BE, IF THEY'RE INCLUDED, NEW VETS, WOULD THEY BE VETS THAT GO  
3 BACK 10 YEARS, 15 YEARS? WHAT EXACTLY, WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
4 THOMAS HAS THE TIME TO EXPLAIN HIS HIRING VETS INITIATIVE,  
5 WOULD THEY BE INCLUDED IN THIS \$10 MILLION ARCHITECTURAL  
6 ENGINEERING, SCOPING CONTRACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE?  
7 I'D CERTAINLY LIKE TO GET AN UPDATE ON THAT TO FIND OUT WHAT  
8 EXACTLY YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY "WE'RE GOING TO PUT VETERANS  
9 BACK TO WORK IN THE COUNTY" THERE'S, WHAT? 180,000 YOU SAID, I  
10 BELIEVE? PUT AT LEAST A HANDFUL ON THIS JOB.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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14 **JESSE WECHSLER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JESSE WECHSLER. I'M  
15 HERE TO SPEAK FOR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THE MONEY THAT  
16 WE HAVE AVAILABLE. I THINK THAT IT IS A WISE CHOICE FOR MAKING  
17 THE CHANGES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. THEY COULD USE THE SUPPORT.  
18 THEY DON'T BELONG IN THE PRISONS THAT WE HAVE AT THE MOMENT.  
19 THAT'S ALL I'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW. I HAVE DONE SOME WORK FOR  
20 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WHEN HE WAS UP AT THE TOP OF THE  
21 LIST, WHEN HE WAS A SENATOR, AND HE DID WONDERFUL WORK AT THAT  
22 TIME. AND I KNOW THAT WHAT HE IS DOING RIGHT NOW IS EQUAL TO  
23 THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAVE A GOOD DAY.



1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I THINK THAT  
2   TESTIMONY WAS REALLY DIRECTED TO ITEM NO. 9 RATHER THAN 33,  
3   CORRECT? THANK YOU.

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM BEFORE US. ONE WEEK  
6   CONTINUANCE, ARE YOU AGREEABLE TO THAT?

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE.

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10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT NO LONGER. WE HAVE TO VOTE IT NEXT  
13   TUESDAY.

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15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ONE WEEK. SO ORDERED. I BELIEVE  
16   THE ONLY ITEM LEFT IS-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS,  
17   PLEASE? AND YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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19   **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, CERTAINLY I WANT TO SAY  
20   SOMETHING ABOUT ANDREA RICH. I THINK IT'S A TRAGIC LOSS FOR  
21   ALL OF US. MANY OF US CERTAINLY KNOW ANDREA'S GREAT SUCCESS AT  
22   L.A.C.M.A. SHE WAS CERTAINLY A DYNAMIC LEADER WHO STABILIZED  
23   THE MUSEUM IN MANY WAYS BUT IN PARTICULAR ITS FINANCIAL  
24   SITUATION AND SHE ALSO WAS ABLE TO EXPAND MANY OF ITS  
25   COLLECTIONS. AFTER ANDREA RETIRED, SHE LARGELY DEVOTED HER



1 TIME AND HER ENERGY TO HER ALMA MATER, U.C.L.A. SHE HAD SPENT  
2 34 YEARS THERE EARNING THREE ACADEMIC DEGREES AND RISING TO  
3 THE POSITION OF VICE CHANCELLOR. WE KNOW SHE WORKED TIRELESSLY  
4 ON THE INSTITUTION'S BEHALF, BUT HER LEGACY ON BEHALF OF THE  
5 SCHOOL WILL LIVE ON. IT WAS PERSONALLY DEVASTATING TO HEAR OF  
6 ANDREA'S PASSING LAST NIGHT. SHE WAS A TREASURED FRIEND TO ME,  
7 A MENTOR, AND AN UNBELIEVABLE FEMINIST AS WELL AS A ROLE  
8 MODEL. SHE JOINED LA PLAZA CULTURA ACCESS BOARD MEETINGS AND  
9 AS A BOARD MEMBER AND HER VAST KNOWLEDGE AND CERTAINLY HER  
10 INSIGHTS WERE IMMEDIATELY VALUABLE TO ALL OF US AND HER  
11 CONTRIBUTIONS WERE UNBELIEVABLE. WE WILL TREASURE EVERY LITTLE  
12 BIT OF WHAT SHE SHARED WITH US. THERE WAS SO MUCH SHE WAS  
13 PASSING ON AS FAR AS KNOWLEDGE AND LEADERSHIP AND SO ON. BUT  
14 MOST RECENTLY I HAD CALLED ANDREA A COUPLE OF MONTHS BACK AND  
15 ASKED HER TO DO ME ONE MORE FAVOR. AND FROM TIME TO TIME I DID  
16 SEEK HER COUNSEL AND ASKED HER ADVICE FROM TIME TO TIME. AND I  
17 THOUGHT SHE WAS GOING TO REJECT ME SO I TOLD HER, I SAID, "YOU  
18 CAN'T SAY NO TO ME ABOUT THIS." AND I ASKED HER TO SERVE AS MY  
19 APPOINTEE TO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION.  
20 WHAT WAS AMAZING ABOUT IT IS THAT SHE SAID SHE HAD THOUGHT  
21 ABOUT IT WHEN THIS MOTION CAME UP AND SHE THOUGHT IF THERE WAS  
22 ANYTHING SHE WANTED TO BE APPOINTED TO, IT WOULD BE THIS  
23 COMMISSION. WELL, WHILE SHE SERVED THERE AGAIN, SHE WAS  
24 UNBELIEVABLE. SHE BROUGHT A LIFETIME OF INTUITION AND  
25 EXPERTISE TO THE COMMISSION. WE ALL KNOW SHE WAS ONE OF THE



1 COMMISSION'S DRIVING FORCES. HER DEVOTION TO FULFILL THE  
2 COMMISSION'S WORK EPITOMIZED WHO ANDREA WAS. SHE TALKED ABOUT  
3 THE KIND OF WORK THAT COULD BE DONE, THE DRAMATIC CHANGES THAT  
4 COULD HAPPEN. AND WHILE THIS BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
5 RESPONSIBILITIES TO ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, SHE FELT IT WAS  
6 EVERYONE IN L.A. COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THEIR VERY BEST  
7 FOR THESE CHILDREN. SO SHE PUT FORTH HER LAST BIT OF EFFORT  
8 AND LEADERSHIP INTO ALL OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. SHE WAS  
9 REALLY A WONDERFUL PUBLIC SERVANT, A BELOVED LEADER, AND WE  
10 WANT TO SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF ANDREA'S  
11 FAMILY, ALL OF HER FRIENDS, HER COUNTLESS FOLKS THAT WERE  
12 DEVOTED TO HER, A DEAR FRIEND AND A TREASURED FRIEND AND A  
13 GREAT LOSS TO ALL OF US. ALSO I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE  
14 MEMORY OF ENEDINA VALDEZ. SHE IS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF MY  
15 COMMISSIONER, MERCEDES BARBA. MISS VALDEZ WAS AN OUTSTANDING  
16 RESIDENT OF EAST L.A. SHE WAS A TREASURED MATRIARCH OF HER  
17 FAMILY AND SHE NEVER FAILED TO HELP FAMILY MEMBERS OR  
18 NEIGHBORS WHENEVER THEY WERE IN NEED. SO WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
19 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO MERCEDES AND HER ENTIRE FAMILY. I  
20 ALSO WANT TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF RETIRED COUNTY PROBATION  
21 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE ALFRED MONROY. ALFRED WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY  
22 PUBLIC SERVANT WHO SERVED AS A PROBATION OFFICER FOR OVER  
23 THREE DECADES. WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE BOARD, AL WAS ONE OF  
24 THE KEY INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED MY OFFICE ESTABLISH OUR  
25 ESSENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TASKFORCES. HE WAS TALENTED,



1 DEDICATED AND A VERY CARING MAN WHOSE LIFE AND LEGACY WILL  
2 NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. I WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
3 TO HIS FAMILY, HIS FRIENDS AS WELL AS HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES.  
4 THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. PERMIT ME TO JOIN  
9 WITH BOTH SUPERVISORS WHO HAVE SPOKEN TO THE PASSING OF ANDREA  
10 RICH. MANY OF US ARE SHOCKED BY THE NEWS AND SEND OUR RESPECTS  
11 AND CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY. SHE MADE HER MARK, FOR WHICH WE  
12 ARE ALL APPRECIATIVE. AND WE ARE BETTER FOR IT. ADDITIONALLY,  
13 NICK FAGNANO, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ACKNOWLEDGED HIS PASSING  
14 AND IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION WHEN I SPOKE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PRICE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND WAS  
16 STUNNED BY NICK'S TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY PASSING. WE SEND OUR  
17 CONDOLENCES AND RESPECT TO HIS FAMILY, BOTH HIS IMMEDIATE AND  
18 EXTENDED FAMILY. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR  
19 CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF XINRAN JI, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
20 JULY 24TH AT THE AGE OF 24. HE WAS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT THE  
21 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE SCHOOL OF  
22 ENGINEERING. HE WAS WALKING HOME FROM A STUDY GROUP WHEN HE  
23 WAS ASSAULTED NEAR HIS APARTMENT AND LATER SUCCUMBED TO HIS  
24 INJURIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND STUDENTS  
25 AT THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND THE ENTIRE TROJAN COMMUNITY.



1 WE HEARD YESTERDAY OF A POLICE ANNOUNCEMENT BRINGING THOSE  
2 SUSPECTS TO JUSTICE. AND WE SIMPLY HOPE AND PRAY THAT THEY  
3 WILL BE APPROPRIATELY SUBJECTED TO THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE LAW.  
4 I UNDERSTAND THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO JOIN ME IN  
5 THAT ADJOURNMENT. AND THEN IF YOU WOULD, JOSHUA EMILE GANT,  
6 BORN ON THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY, 1999 AND PASSED ON JULY 22ND AT  
7 THE AGE OF 14, A FRESHMAN AT WASHINGTON PREPARATORY HIGH  
8 SCHOOL AND AN AVID DODGERS FAN. JOSHUA WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
9 SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK FAMILY AND ATTENDED THE JOE PATTON  
10 ACADEMY CAMP FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
11 HIS LOVE OF BASEBALL, ART AND HE LOVED RAINBOWS. YOU MIGHT SAY  
12 THAT JOSHUA WAS ONE OF THE ADVOCATES AND ONE OF THE  
13 AMBASSADORS FOR AUTISM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JOCELYN  
14 AND EMILE, AND THEN ALONG WITH MANY FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS  
15 AND MOST ASSUREDLY THE SPECIAL NEEDS NETWORK FAMILY WILL MISS  
16 HIM GREATLY. AND FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, ADJOURN  
17 IN THE MEMORY OF DR. MICHAEL B. PRESTON WHO PASSED ON THE 26TH  
18 OF THIS MONTH. HE IS PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE  
19 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SINCE 1986 WHEN I MET HIM  
20 THERE. HE SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL  
21 SCIENCE FROM '89 TO 95. HE RECENTLY SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR FOR  
22 THE CENTER FOR MULTIETHNIC AND TRANSNATIONAL STUDIES FROM THE  
23 COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS AND SCIENCES AND SPECIALIZED IN  
24 AMERICAN, URBAN AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICS. WE WISH TO KNOW  
25 THAT PROFESSOR PRESTON WAS AN AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS ON RACE



1 AND ETHNIC POLITICS, ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF THE "NATIONAL  
2 POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW" AND "URBAN AFFAIRS QUARTERLY." AND A  
3 REVIEWER FOR NUMEROUS PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AND THE NATIONAL  
4 SCIENCE FOUNDATION. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN POLITICAL  
5 SCIENCE ASSOCIATION AND SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
6 AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
8 AND ALSO SERVED IN A NUMBER OF CAPACITIES AND OTHER COMMUNITY  
9 AND CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS,  
10 INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED  
11 FOR HIS DEDICATION AND PASSION FOR CHANGE AND RACIAL AND  
12 ETHNIC POLITICS, SCHOLAR IN HIS OWN RIGHT, CONTRIBUTOR TO THE  
13 WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE RESPECTFULLY ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
14 OF DR. MICHAEL B. PRESTON WHO IS SURVIVED BY MANY FAMILY  
15 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL REMEMBER HIM DEARLY. THAT  
16 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THE ONLY REMAINING  
19 ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS ITEM NO. --

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 9.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 9. MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS A NUMBER OF  
24 SPEAKERS ON ITEM NO. 9. BUT BEFORE YOU CALL THEM UP, THERE





1 WERE TWO ITEMS EARLIER THAT DID NOT GO ON CONSENT BUT NEED TO  
2 BE APPROVED AND THOSE ARE ITEMS NO. 16 AND 46?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE  
5 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS THAT HAVE  
10 SIGNED UP ON ITEM NO. 9. THE INTENT OF THE BOARD AT THIS POINT  
11 IS TO CONTINUE THIS TO SEPTEMBER 30TH. BUT WE WILL GO AHEAD  
12 AND TAKE TESTIMONY SINCE YOU'RE HERE TODAY. RICHARD VAN HORN.  
13 ROBERT DUTTON. PARVIZ BABALAVI. APOLOGIZE IF I MESSED THAT UP.  
14 MARSHA TEMPLE, WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS. GO AHEAD,  
15 WHOEVER'S READY.

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17 **RICHARD VAN HORN:** I'M RICHARD VAN HORN. I'M CHAIR OF THE STATE  
18 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION  
19 AND WISH TO SPEAK ON ITEM 9. IT HAS BEEN PROVED IN MULTIPLE  
20 STUDIES IN CALIFORNIA AND ELSEWHERE THAT DIVERTING PEOPLE WITH  
21 MENTAL ILLNESSES FROM INCARCERATION SAVES MONEY, IMPROVES  
22 LIVES AND REDUCES RECIDIVISM. DIVERSION PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN  
23 USED PRE-ARREST, PRE-BOOKING, PRE-ADJUDICATION, PRE-  
24 INCARCERATION AND POST-INCARCERATION. PEOPLE PUT A LIFE  
25 TOGETHER AFTER THEY COME OUT OF PRISON. ALL THESE PROGRAMS,



1 PROGRAM METHODOLOGIES ARE IMPLIED OR EXPLICITLY CALLED OUT IN  
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION THIS MORNING. THE NORMAL  
3 RECIDIVISM RATE FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS INCARCERATED  
4 FOR MINOR AND NONVIOLENT CRIMES IS OVER 50 PERCENT AND OFTEN  
5 AS HIGH AS 75 PERCENT. IF THE DIVERSION PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY  
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHICH INCLUDE FULL- SERVICE  
7 PARTNERSHIPS, ARE UTILIZED, THE RECIDIVISM RATE WILL, BASED  
8 UPON EXPERIENCE IN CALIFORNIA, BE REDUCED TO UNDER 25 PERCENT.  
9 THIS NOT ONLY SAVES MONEY, IT SAVES LIVES. THE \$20 MILLION  
10 PROPOSED IN THE MOTION WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD DEVELOPING A  
11 FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM AT ALL LEVELS. THE  
12 MOTION AS CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTED WILL BE A GREAT ADVANCE FOR  
13 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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17 **MICHAEL DUTTON:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL DUTTON, I AM A PARENT OF A  
18 YOUNG WOMAN WHO HAS HAD SOME TREMENDOUS CHALLENGES AND ISSUES.  
19 IN THE INTEREST OF BREVITY, I'LL TRY TO KEEP THIS SHORT SO  
20 THAT THIS ALL MAKES SENSE. BECAUSE OF A LONG EXTENSIVE HISTORY  
21 OF HOMELESSNESS, GETTING IN AND OUT OF FACILITIES, ME AND MY  
22 WIFE, PARENTS, HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND  
23 WE'RE MEMBERS OF N.A.M.I., GONE TO CLASSES, CONTACTED MANY  
24 PEOPLE THROUGH THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN HOPES OF  
25 GETTING OUR DAUGHTER INTO SOME TREATMENT. THE MOST RECENT



1 EXPERIENCE THAT WE'VE HAD WITH L.A. COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND  
2 THE COURT IS WHAT I'D LIKE TO ELABORATE ON, IF I MAY. ON JULY  
3 THE 3RD, WE FILED A MISSING PERSON'S REPORT WITH L.A.P.D. AND  
4 A FEW DAYS LATER MY DAUGHTER WAS PICKED UP AND SHE HAD A COURT  
5 APPEARANCE JULY THE 10TH. DURING THE COURT APPEARANCE, SHE  
6 DISPLAYED SOME OF HER EXTREME AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIORS WITH THE  
7 JUDGE AND WHEN THE JUDGE WAS REVEALING HER CASE. AND SHE  
8 DISAGREED WITH THE JUDGE, BECAME VERY AGITATED, ARGUMENTATIVE  
9 AND PROFANE. THE JUDGE HAD HER REMOVED FROM COURT AND SENT TO  
10 DIVISION 95 FOR A FITNESS HEARING. ON THE 24TH SHE DID NOT  
11 APPEAR IN COURT. HER PUBLIC DEFENDER BELIEVED THAT AFTER A FEW  
12 MINUTES A DOCTOR HAD DETERMINED THAT SHE WAS NOT COMPETENT TO  
13 STAND TRIAL WHEN HER CASE WAS HEARD. WHEN HER CASE WAS HEARD,  
14 IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE OFFENDER WAS WRONG.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE TO ASK YOU THE TOP WHAT IT UP.

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18 **RICHARD DUTTON:** OKAY. WELL TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, I GUESS  
19 IT IS LONG. BUT MY DAUGHTER WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED FOR  
20 120 DAYS AND BEFORE 24 HOURS WAS UP, SHE WAS PUT BACK IN THE  
21 STREET AND IS HOMELESS IN THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES WITH NO  
22 HELP FOR HER ILLNESS.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU'RE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION,  
25 THEN?



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**RICHARD DUTTON:** I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE MOTION.

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

**PARVIZ BABALAVI:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS DR. PARVIZ BABALAVI. I AM ALSO SUPPORTING THIS ISSUE. I BELIEVE THE PSYCHIATRIC PEOPLE NEED TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL, NOT IN THE JAIL. THEY NEED TO BE UNDER MEDICAL FOLLOW UP. WHY THEY ARE NOT LIKE THIS? BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE ILLNESS OF THE PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT. I GIVE SOME EXAMPLES TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE. ONE EXAMPLE IS, IF YOU SEE A PATIENT WHO HAS WHOOPING COUGH, HE IS COUGHING HARDLY AND SOMETIMES VOMITS. IF THE DROPLETS GOES TO SOMEBODY ELSE, OR VOMITING MAKE DIRTY SOME PLACE, WE SHOULD NOT, BUT WE DO NOT PUNISH THIS PATIENT. WE KNOW THIS IS A PATIENT NEED ATTENTION. THE SAME THING IS THE FOR PSYCHIATRIC PEOPLE. AND THE PSYCHIATRIC PERSON HAS DELUSIONS, HALLUCINATIONS. THEY SAY NONSENSE. IT IS THE SAME THING AS VOMITING THE PHRASES AND WORDS BECAUSE OF IMBALANCE IN THEIR BRAIN. IT IS NOT HIS INTENTION. WE SHOULD NOT PUNISH HIM. WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND HE IS THE PATIENT, NEED TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL.

**SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.



1 **PARVIZ BABALAVI:** IN THIS WAY WE CAN SAVE MONEY. NOT TO TOO  
2 MANY PEOPLE, INNOCENT PEOPLE AND DEPRIVE THEM FROM THEIR--

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP, PLEASE. THANK YOU. I'D ASK  
5 JULIO ACOSTA, GERALD TURNER, PATRICIA RUSSELL AND CLAIRE  
6 HERSHBERG TO JOIN US, PLEASE? GO AHEAD.

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8 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD MORNING. I AM MARSHA TEMPLE, EXECUTIVE  
9 DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES, THROUGH ITS PUBLIC DEFENDER, HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN  
11 DIVERSION SINCE 2006. THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DIVERTED ARE  
12 HOMELESS, MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WHO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE  
13 CITY ATTORNEY AND THE JUDGE DECIDED WOULD BE BETTER OFF IN  
14 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT THAN IN JAIL. THE INTEGRATED  
15 RECOVERY NETWORK HAS TAKEN 57 OF THESE PEOPLE. WE PROVIDE  
16 HOUSING, HEALTHCARE AND JOBS. IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS, A GRANT  
17 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SUPPORTED THIS  
18 WORK. SINCE THAT TIME, FUNDING HAS BEEN LIMITED. STILL, THE  
19 RECIDIVISM RATES OF OUR PEOPLE ARE 28 PERCENT AS OPPOSED TO 70  
20 PERCENT. THERE IS A NATIONAL MOVEMENT TOWARDS DIVERSION  
21 INSTEAD OF INCARCERATION. YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE MOVEMENT  
22 FOR DIVERSION OR YOU CAN BE REMEMBERED AS SUPPORTING THE OLD  
23 SYSTEM WHICH IS INEFFECTIVE, WASTEFUL, EXPENSIVE AND CRUEL.  
24 THANK YOU.



1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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3    **CLAIRE HERSHBERG:** HI, MY NAME IS CLAIRE HERSHBERG, I'M AN  
4    INTERN WITH CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND A  
5    MEMBER OF THE L.A. NO MORE JAILS COALITION. I'M HERE TO VOICE  
6    MY VOICE FOR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION FOR THE \$20  
7    MILLION FOR MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION WITH RESERVATION. THE  
8    REMOVAL OF THE LANGUAGE EMPHASIZING COMMUNITY BASED  
9    ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MOTION IS CONCERNING TO ME, AS THIS  
10   DIVERSION PLAN MUST PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS  
11   THAT USE UNLOCKED FACILITIES, VOLUNTARY COMPREHENSIVE  
12   TREATMENT AND COMMUNITY CARE THAT IS CONTINUED IN ONE'S OWN  
13   COMMUNITY. I DO NOT SUPPORT THE USE OF LOCKED FACILITIES OR  
14   USING LAURA'S LAW TO FORCE PEOPLE INTO TREATMENT WITHOUT THEIR  
15   CONSENT. DIVERSION HAS THE POTENTIAL TO REDUCE JAIL POPULATION  
16   BY OVER 2,000 PEOPLE AND THAT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION  
17   FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RECOGNIZE ITS POWER. WITH  
18   THIS, I WANT TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO THE JAIL EXPANSION  
19   PLANS THAT THE BOARD KEEPS MOVING FORWARD ON. I URGE THE BOARD  
20   TO STOP MOVING FORWARD ON THESE CONSTRUCTIONS AND THIS  
21   EXPANSION. IF A DIVERSION PLAN COSTING ONLY 1 PERCENT OF THOSE  
22   JAILS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE  
23   POPULATION, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE COSTLY JAILS NEED TO BE  
24   RECONSIDERED AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO CANCEL THESE JAIL PLANS



1 AND INSTEAD, SUBSTANTIALLY INVEST IN FURTHER COMPREHENSIVE  
2 DIVERSION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP? THANK YOU,  
5 CLAIRE. NEXT?

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7 **GERALD TURNER:** THANK YOU. THIS IS GERALD TURNER WITH THE  
8 CORPORATION FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THANK YOU FOR THE  
9 OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. ME AND MY COLLEAGUES  
10 ACROSS L.A. COUNTY TIRELESSLY WORK TO CREATE PERMANENT  
11 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO ADDRESS THE ILLS OF BOTH OUR CHRONIC  
12 HOMELESSNESS AND THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES A PART OF OUR  
13 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. BY COMBINING THIS MOTION WITH MANY OF  
14 THE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS, WE CAN DRASTICALLY ADDRESS THE CHRONIC  
16 HOMELESSNESS ISSUE AND DIVERT THOSE WHO WOULD FIND THEMSELVES  
17 IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTING BY PROVIDING THEM WRAP-AROUND  
18 SERVICES TO ADDRESS BOTH THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL  
19 DISABILITIES. SO WE ARE 100 PERCENT SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION  
20 AND MORE SUPPORTIVE OF INCORPORATING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE  
21 HOUSING AS A KEY TO DIVERTING THOSE WHO WOULD FIND THEMSELVES  
22 IN INSTITUTIONAL SETTINGS. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?



1 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I'M IN FAVOR  
2 OF THIS COMPLETELY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY. MY SON HAS BEEN IN AND  
3 OUT OF L.A. COUNTY JAIL AND IN IN AND OUT OF HOSPITALS. AND  
4 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HOPE THAT THIS WILL ADDRESS IS THE  
5 CYCLICAL NATURE OF BEING KICKED OUT OF HOSPITALS WITHIN TWO OR  
6 THREE DAYS, NOT BEING STABILIZED ON MEDICATION AND GIVEN A BUS  
7 TOKEN WITH NOWHERE TO GO. THEN THE PERSON GETS OUT ON THE  
8 STREET, GETS MORE BEATEN UP, SOMETIMES BEATEN UP LIKE MY SON  
9 HAS, ENDS UP IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM. AND THEN BACK IN A  
10 HOSPITAL. BUT THEN KICKED OUT AGAIN WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS,  
11 AND IT'S RIDICULOUS. IT JUST IS MORE MONEY IS WASTED BECAUSE  
12 THE HOSPITALS ARE JUST A PROFIT MAKING MACHINE. AND AS LONG AS  
13 THEY AREN'T GETTING THE TOP DOLLAR, THEY DON'T CARE. THEY JUST  
14 EXIT THEM WITH NO DISCHARGE PLAN. SO I HOPE THAT THAT IS  
15 ADDRESSED, AS WELL, WITH THIS MONEY.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK PETER ELIASBURG, WALTER  
18 JOHNSON, BRAD HILLINGER AND MELINDA BIRD TO PLEASE JOIN US. GO  
19 AHEAD, SIR.

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21 **JULIO ACOSTA:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JULIO ACOSTA. I SPENT  
22 22 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS IN PRISON, 17 OF THOSE MONTHS WERE HERE  
23 IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. I CURRENTLY WORK WITH A  
24 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION  
25 WHICH IS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHING A PRISON-TO-SCHOOL PIPELINE. I





1 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM 9  
2 BECAUSE ALL TOO OFTEN IN MY EXPERIENCE LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TIED  
3 UP DEALING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE MENTALLY ILL BOTH IN  
4 CUSTODY AND OUT IN THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE THE PASSAGE OF  
5 THIS ITEM WOULD IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY BY ALLOWING LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT TO FOCUS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND NOT ON THE  
7 CHALLENGES OF A MENTALLY ILL. ALL TOO OFTEN, MENTALLY ILL  
8 PEOPLE IN CUSTODY, IN CORRECTIONAL SETTINGS ARE VERY DANGEROUS  
9 TO THEMSELVES AND TO OTHER INMATES THAT ARE NOT MENTALLY ILL.  
10 THIS DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR OFTEN LEADS TO THE DISRUPTION OF JAIL  
11 PRISON OPERATIONS AND TO THE REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMMING THAT  
12 INMATES NEED. I BELIEVE THAT THE MENTALLY ILL SHOULD NOT BE  
13 PLACED IN JAILS OR PRISONS BUT THEY SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY  
14 HOUSED AND GIVEN THE HELP THAT THEY NEED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO  
17 GO.

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19 **WALTER JOHNSON:** HI, I'M WALTER JOHNSON. I'M A MEMBER OF A  
20 SMALL GROUP OF CITIZENS WHO ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE  
21 THE LIVES OF OUR MENTALLY ILL POPULATION, PARTICULARLY WITH  
22 RESPECT TO INCARCERATION. IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT IT'S VIRTUALLY  
23 IMPOSSIBLE TO SUCCESSFULLY TREAT MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE BEHIND  
24 BARS. I DEFINITELY SUPPORT THE SPIRIT OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-



1 THOMAS'S PROPOSAL. AND I URGE YOU TO ADOPT IT POSTHASTE. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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6 **SPEAKER:** I'VE BEEN ASKED BY PETER STARKS, WHO IS A PEER  
7 COUNSELOR WORKING WITH AMITY FOUNDATION CURRENTLY IN TUCSON,  
8 ARIZONA, DOING A SEMINAR, TO READ THE STATEMENT ON HIS BEHALF.  
9 HE SAYS "I STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. MY  
10 LONG EXPERIENCE AS A VIETNAM VETERAN WITH SEVERE POST-  
11 TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, A HISTORY OF DRUG ADDICTION IS  
12 LIVING PROOF THAT INCARCERATION, JAIL AND PRISON IS A FAILED  
13 WAY OF DEALING WITH PEOPLE LIKE ME. BY CONTRAST, COMMUNITY  
14 TREATMENT, WHICH WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY THIS MOTION, AND SUCH  
15 AS THAT PROVIDED BY AMITY FOUNDATION ACTUALLY WORKS. IT WORKS  
16 BY HELPING PEOPLE LIKE ME DEAL WITH THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS, DRUG  
17 ADDICTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY SO WE CAN LEAD  
18 PRODUCTIVE LIVES. COUNTY AND STATE HAVE SPENT MORE THAN  
19 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS CYCLING ME BETWEEN JAILS AND PRISONS OVER  
20 THE YEARS. IT WAS ONLY WHEN I CAME TO AMITY FOUNDATION THAT I  
21 WAS ABLE TO DEAL WITH MY MENTAL ILLNESS, MY DRUG ADDICTION AND  
22 MY POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, MY MENTAL ILLNESS AND  
23 BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. I NOW WORK FOR AMITY  
24 COUNSELING OTHERS AND I URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION.  
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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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4 **BRAD HILLINGER:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD MORNING,  
5 MY NAME IS BRAD HILLINGER. I'M THE FOUNDER OF THE TOWERS  
6 INDUSTRY, AN ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE RE-ENTRY  
7 REHABILITATION PROGRAMMING FOR INMATES DURING THEIR FINAL YEAR  
8 OF INCARCERATION. FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, I HAVE SERVED AS A  
9 VOLUNTEER IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. I BEGAN AS AN  
10 INSTRUCTOR OF PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDIES WHICH LED ME TO  
11 BECOMING AND SERVING AS A CUSTODY CHAPLAIN. MY TIME SPENT IN  
12 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL HAS GIVEN ME A FRONTLINE EXPOSURE  
13 TO CUSTODY OPERATIONS. I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND HOW WE TREAT  
14 OUR INMATE POPULATION. I HAVE SEEN WHAT MOST NEVER HAVE, OR  
15 EVER WILL. YES, WE DO NEED TO CREATE DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVE  
16 METHODS OF INCARCERATION FOR MENTALLY ILL WITHIN OUR JAIL, BUT  
17 WE ALSO MUST LOOK AT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM BY WHICH WE  
18 INCARCERATE. CONCENTRATING ON MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IS A  
19 LARGE PIECE OF THE INCARCERATION PUZZLE. IT'S A STEP IN THE  
20 RIGHT DIRECTION. BUT THIS PIECE OF THE PUZZLE MUST BE PART OF  
21 A BIGGER PICTURE WHEREBY WE REDUCE RATES OF RECIDIVISM, STOP  
22 GROWTH OF PRISON POPULATION, LOWER COST AND IN TURN CREATE  
23 SAFER COMMUNITIES. YES, WE DO NEED TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
24 ALTERNATIVES AND DIVERSIONS, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE FUNDING



1 MUST BE MADE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTING METHODS OF  
2 REENTRY PRIOR TO RELEASE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT BEFORE YOU SPEAK, JOSE FLORES. MARK  
5 ANTHONY JOHNSON. LAWRENCE FOY AND KRISTELLE JOSE, IF YOU WOULD  
6 JOIN US. GO AHEAD, MISS BIRD.

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8 **MELINDA BIRD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MELINDA BIRD. I'M THE  
9 LEGAL DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA. I SPEAK TODAY  
10 IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION, BUT I AM DISTRESSED IT HAS BEEN  
11 CONTINUED. THERE IS NO REASON TO DELAY FUNDING EFFECTIVE  
12 DIVERSION PROGRAMS. THE \$20 MILLION THAT'S ALLOCATED IS A  
13 SMALL AMOUNT COMPARED TO WHAT THE COUNTY SPENDS ON  
14 INCARCERATION, AND IS POISED TO SPEND TO REBUILD MEN'S CENTRAL  
15 JAIL. ADOPTING THIS MOTION AND IMPLEMENTING DIVERSION PROGRAMS  
16 COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE JAIL POPULATION  
17 RESULTING IN COST SAVINGS AND COST AVOIDANCE. THE C.E.O. IS  
18 PREPARING A REPORT ON THE POPULATION MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN THE  
19 JAIL. IT IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO DIVERSION. I WANT TO NOTE,  
20 TOO, THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE  
21 TRIED TO GET MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, BUT WE LACK SUFFICIENT  
22 CAPACITY. IMPLEMENTING DIVERSION IS A MUCH BETTER APPROACH  
23 THAN SPENDING MILLIONS ON IMPLEMENTING INVOLUNTARY PROGRAMS  
24 SUCH AS LAURA'S LAW, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THIS BOARD SEVERAL



1 WEEKS AGO AS PART OF ITS APPROVAL OF THE MENTAL HEALTH  
2 SERVICES ACT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **JOSE FLORES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSE FLORES. I WORK FOR  
7 A NONPROFIT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT HAS OVER 120 PEER  
8 SUPPORT GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ALL THE WAY FROM  
9 LANCASTER TO LONG BEACH AND FROM SANTA MONICA TO LA PUENTE.  
10 I'VE BEEN GOING TO TWIN TOWERS FOR OVER SIX YEARS, POSSIBLY  
11 MORE. AND I HAVE EXPERIENCED THE MANY NEEDS THAT ARE THERE  
12 WITHIN THE GROUPS THAT I DISSEMINATED INFORMATION FOR,  
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LEAVING THE JAIL. AND WE'VE HAD SOME  
14 SUCCESS REUNITING FAMILIES. WE'VE HAD SOME SUCCESS DOING THE  
15 MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF DOING. AND I AM  
16 FOR THE PROPOSITION. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

19

20 **LAWRENCE FOY:** GOOD MORNING, I'M LAWRENCE FOY, PUBLIC POLICY  
21 DIRECTOR FOR NEW WAY OF LIFE PROJECT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
22 MISS SUSAN BURTON. UNFORTUNATELY MISS BURTON COULDN'T BE HERE  
23 THIS MORNING TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS MOTION, SO WE ARE HERE  
24 TO SPEAK IN FAVOR. THIS MOTION PUTS US ON A CLEAR PATH TOWARD  
25 PROVIDING A COMMON AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH AMELIORATING A



1 GROWING AND FESTERING CRISIS AMONG THOSE FACED WITH MENTAL  
2 ILLNESS WHO FOR WHATEVER REASONS ARE ENTANGLED IN THE CRIMINAL  
3 JUSTICE SYSTEM. THIS MOTION WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A  
4 COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN COURTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
5 COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, CLINICIANS AND COMMUNITY-BASED  
6 ORGANIZATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER IN CONCERTED EFFORT TO RESTORE  
7 DIGNITY, VALUE AND WORTH TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO OTHERWISE  
8 WOULD REMAIN FACELESS, NAMELESS, HOMELESS AND VOICELESS.  
9 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT  
10 STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS MOTION.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

13  
14 **KRISTELLE JOSE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS KRISTELLE JOSE AND I ALSO  
15 WORK FOR NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT WHERE WE PROVIDE  
16 SERVICES TO FORMERLY INCARCERATED WOMEN. I AM ONE CASE  
17 PROVIDER IN OUR DEPARTMENT WHO OVERSEES 18 WOMEN. OUR  
18 ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS THIS MOTION OF DIVERSION FOR VARIOUS  
19 REASONS. WE ARE ILL EQUIPPED, WE ARE NOT MENTAL HEALTH  
20 PROVIDERS, AND THE STRUGGLE TO FIND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND  
21 PERMANENT HOUSING IS A HUGE STRUGGLE. SO WE ASK THAT YOU  
22 FINANCIALLY COMMIT TO DIVERSION FOR VARIOUS REASONS. IT IS A  
23 HUGE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. AND I THINK THE FIRST STEP TO  
24 PROVIDING TRAINING TO ALL PARTIES ASSOCIATED, INCLUDING MENTAL



1 HEALTH PROVIDERS, CASE MANAGERS, POLICE OFFICERS IS AN  
2 ADVANTAGEOUS FIRST STEP. THANK YOU.

3  
4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5  
6 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MARK ANTHONY  
7 JOHNSON WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE COALITION TO END  
8 SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. I DEFINITELY FEEL ENCOURAGED  
9 BY THIS MOTION AND I'M URGING THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS  
10 MOTION BECAUSE OF THE FUNDS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR MENTAL  
11 HEALTH DIVERSION. BUT I ALSO WANT TO ASK THIS BOARD TO  
12 SPECIFICALLY LOOK AT THE IMPACTS OF INCARCERATION OF MENTAL  
13 HEALTH FOLKS ON THE BLACK COMMUNITY. BLACK FOLKS MAKE UP 9.6  
14 PERCENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY POPULATION AND 43 PERCENT OF  
15 THOSE INCARCERATED IN THE COUNTY JAILS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL  
16 ILLNESS REQUIRING SPECIAL HOUSING. WE FEEL THAT THIS REQUIRES  
17 SOME SPECIAL ATTENTION BY THE BOARD AND BY THIS MOTION AS  
18 WE'RE THINKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION. SPECIFICALLY  
19 SOME IDEAS AROUND HOW THIS MOTION CAN BE UTILIZED. WE FEEL  
20 LIKE SECURING 43 PERCENT OF THE FUNDING EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF  
21 FOLKS IN SERIOUS-- WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH SERIOUS MENTAL  
22 ILLNESS REQUIRING SPECIAL HOUSING IN THE JAILS SHOULD BE  
23 SECURED. WE FEEL LIKE THE MOTION SHOULD HAVE A PROVISION TO  
24 SECURE BEDS IN UNDERUTILIZED FACILITIES IN AREAS OF L.A.  
25 COUNTY THAT HAVE HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY.



1 AND IN THE FORMULA THAT THIS MOTION WOULD DEVELOP ON HAVING  
2 SOME STIPULATION ON HOW FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR BLACK FOLKS IN  
3 PARTICULAR.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PEGGY EDWARDS. JESSICA  
6 FARRIS. DARLENE BURKE AND TIMOTHY MURPHY WILL BE THE NEXT  
7 FOUR. AND IN THE QUEUE WILL BE JOHN MCKENNA, ELLIE STAYBECK,  
8 MARK GALE, CATHERINE BOND WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR AFTER THESE  
9 FOUR HERE.

10  
11 **PEGGY EDWARDS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PEGGY EDWARDS, AND I'M  
12 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED LOS ANGELES  
13 REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP. YES, IT'S LONG. L.A.R.P. IS A  
14 NETWORK OF MORE THAN 300 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVICE  
15 PROVIDERS, ADVOCACY GROUPS AND HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUAL  
16 STAKEHOLDERS. ON BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION, I URGE YOU TO  
17 VOTE FOR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION. DIVERSION OF  
18 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE INTO APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT  
19 INCREASES PUBLIC SAFETY AND BETTER OUTCOMES AT LESS COST. IT'S  
20 SIMPLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO. WE ALSO URGE YOU TO EXPAND THE  
21 DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION,  
22 INCLUDING PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAMS. MORE THAN HALF OF THE  
23 PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTY JAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN TO TRIAL. THEY'RE  
24 SIMPLY THERE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT POST BOND. THEY'RE POOR.  
25 WE'RE PLEASED THAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF MENTAL





1 ILLNESS TREATMENT, ALTHOUGH WE'RE DISTRESSED AT THE  
2 POSTPONEMENT. WE HOPE YOU'LL EXPAND DIVERSION PROGRAMS TO  
3 CREATE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5  
6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7  
8 **DARLENE BURKE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DARLENE BURKE. AND I  
9 REPRESENT SUSAN BURTON AND A NEW WAY OF LIFE. SUSAN SENDS HER  
10 REGRETS FOR NOT BEING HERE PERSONALLY. I AM THE PROGRAM  
11 COORDINATOR FOR THE RE-ENTRY FAMILY REUNIFICATION PILOT  
12 PROGRAM. IN THIS PROGRAM WE HAVE FACED MANY SITUATIONS WHERE  
13 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES HAVE PLAYED A HUGE PART IN THE  
14 REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES. IT HAS BECOME A BARRIER THAT NEEDS  
15 TO BE ADDRESSED. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE PRESENT WITH A VERY  
16 HIGH PERCENTAGE OF FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS. I KNOW  
17 HOW MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES PLAGUE OUR COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM BECAUSE  
18 I VISIT THE RESIDENTS IN THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TWIN TOWERS  
19 AND LYNWOOD COUNTY JAIL ON A WEEKLY BASIS. WHEN THESE MENTAL  
20 HEALTH BARRIERS EXIST, IT AFFECTS THE FAMILY DYNAMIC  
21 NEGATIVELY. AS A PROGRAM COORDINATOR, I WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE  
22 THAT MY CLIENTS ARE EVALUATED PROPERLY AND RECEIVE THE MENTAL  
23 HEALTH SERVICES THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO THRIVE IN A POSITIVE  
24 MANNER. THEREFORE, I SUPPORT THE DIVERSION MOTION THAT WILL



1 PROVIDE RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH BARRIERS IN  
2 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

3  
4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

5  
6 **TIMOTHY MURPHY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TIMOTHY MURPHY. I'M  
7 REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATION PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS UNITING  
8 AND JUSTICE NOT JAILS TODAY. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION TO  
9 DIVERT MENTALLY ILL PERSONS AWAY FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
10 SYSTEM AND TOWARDS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. THE CONDITIONS  
11 FOR THE MENTALLY ILL IN OUR JAILS ARE SIMPLY SHAMEFUL. LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY CAN DO BETTER THAN THE STATUS QUO. WE AGREE  
13 WITH YOU THAT THIS IS A MORAL ISSUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WE CAN  
14 GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THIS IS EVEN A THEOLOGICAL ISSUE.  
15 JUST AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE WHO ARE  
16 MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY, YOU DID IT TO ME. APPROVING THIS MOTION  
17 IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ELIMINATE THE INJUSTICE THAT IS OUR  
18 SYSTEM OF MASS INCARCERATION AS A FORM OF RACIALIZED, CONTROL  
19 AND OPPRESSION. BUT IT IS NECESSARY. WE STRONGLY URGE YOUR  
20 SUPPORT TO SET ASIDE THE MODEST FIGURE OF \$20 MILLION AS A  
21 CRITICAL STEP TO REDUCING THE INHUMANE, OVERCROWDING AND  
22 MISTREATMENT WITHIN OUR JAIL SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?



1 **JESSICA FARRIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESSICA FARRIS AND  
2 I'M POLICY AND ADVOCACY COUNCIL AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN  
3 CALIFORNIA WHICH STRONGLY URGES THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION.  
4 DIVERSION INCREASES PUBLIC SAFETY BY DRASTICALLY REDUCING  
5 RECIDIVISM AND IT COSTS FAR LESS THAN INCARCERATION. DIVERSION  
6 WILL HELP THE COUNTY BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7 JUSTICE REQUIREMENTS. THE D.O.J. RECENTLY FOUND THAT L.A.'S  
8 DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS FOR INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS CONTINUE  
9 TO VIOLATE CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND IT SAID DIVERSION  
10 COULD IMPROVE CONDITIONS BY LOWERING THE NUMBER OF INMATES  
11 WITH MENTAL ILL THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAVE TO TREAT AND SUPERVISE.  
13 FINALLY, DIVERSION IS FREQUENTLY NOT HAPPENING, EVEN WHEN LAW  
14 ENFORCEMENT THINKS IT'S THE BEST, MOST APPROPRIATE PATH  
15 BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE COUNTY FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY TREATMENT.  
16 WE'RE NOT SAYING L.A.'S DOING NO DIVERSION, BUT THE D.A. AND  
17 THE COURTS HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR L.A. IS NOT DOING ENOUGH.  
18 THIS IS A COMMON SENSE SOLUTION AND REQUIRES THE BOARD TO SET  
19 ASIDE FUNDING NOW SO THAT IT'S AVAILABLE WHEN D.A. LACEY  
20 PROVIDES THE BOARD HER DIVERSION BLUEPRINT IN SEPTEMBER. THANK  
21 YOU VERY MUCH.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?



1 **ELLIE STAYBECK:** MY NAME IS ELLIE. I HAVE A SON DIAGNOSED WITH  
2 SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER WHO IN 2012 UNDERWENT 13  
3 HOSPITALIZATIONS IN 12 MONTHS. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STICK WITH  
4 HIM THROUGH THIS GRUELING EXPERIENCE SINCE HIS DIAGNOSIS SIX  
5 YEARS AGO. I HAVE TWO GOALS: ONE, TO GET HIM ON A PATH TO  
6 RECOVERY AND THE OTHER TO KEEP HIM OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
7 SYSTEM. THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR A  
8 PERSON WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TO GET ON A PATH TO RECOVERY. BUT  
9 IT IS VERY EASY FOR THEM TO GET ON A PATH TO JAIL. WE NEED TO  
10 SEE THIS REVERSED. WE NEED AN EASY PATH TO RECOVERY AND A  
11 DIFFICULT PATH TO JAIL. IF WE, THE FAMILIES, ARE TO CARRY THE  
12 BURDEN OF FINDING TREATMENT FOR OUR LOVED ONES AND PREVENT  
13 THEM FROM DOING HARM TO SELF OR OTHERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO  
14 REVERSE THIS PATH AND THESE PATHS. INCARCERATING A PERSON WITH  
15 PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA OR BIPOLAR IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE. I  
16 THINK MY TIME IS UP.

17  
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19  
20 **MARK GALE:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS MARK GALE, I'M THE CRIMINAL  
21 JUSTICE CHAIR OF THE N.A.M.I. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL, OUR  
22 ASSOCIATION OF THE 12 AFFILIATES OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON  
23 MENTAL ILLNESS. JUSTICE INVOLVED OFFENDERS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL  
24 ILLNESS ARE OVERCROWDING OUR JAILS, PRISONS AND STATE  
25 HOSPITALS BECAUSE THE COMMUNITIES OF CALIFORNIA HAVE NOT



1   UNDERTAKEN THE TASK THAT WE ARE HOPEFULLY ABOUT TO ADVANCE  
2   TODAY. THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS TASK IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
3   COMPLETE, SEAMLESS SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL FOR OUR CRIMINAL  
4   JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR WHICH DIVERSION IS A MAJOR COMPONENT. WE  
5   HAVE SOME SOLID PROGRAMS IN PLACE ALREADY. MY SON WAS SAVED BY  
6   OUR DIVERSION PROGRAM. BUT THEY'RE DESIGNED AND INTERACTION IS  
7   INCOMPLETE AND CERTAINLY BELOW A SCALE IT MEANINGFULLY  
8   INVOLVED THE NUMBER OF JUSTICE INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS WITH  
9   SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM FOR A COUNTY THE  
10   SIZE OF L.A. I HAVE THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING N.A.M.I .ON OUR  
11   DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT AND  
12   THE ENTHUSIASM FROM OUR COUNTY'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP  
13   IS GENUINE AND FULLY ENGAGED. BUT NONE OF OUR BEST INTENTIONS  
14   TO DIVERT PEOPLE FROM INCARCERATION TO TREATMENT WOULD KEEP  
15   THEM OUT OF JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE WILL BECOME A REALITY  
16   WITHOUT REAL AND SUBSTANTIVE FISCAL SUPPORT. WE ALL KNOW THAT  
17   EVEN A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY OF 20 MILLION IS ONLY A DOWN  
18   PAYMENT ON THIS IMMENSE EFFORT BUT WE CAN'T SAVE FUTURE  
19   DOLLARS WITHOUT INVESTING IN THE PRESENT.

20  
21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP.

22  
23   **MARK GALE:** AND N.A.M.I. L.A.C.C. STRONGLY ENCOURAGES YOU TO  
24   VOTE YES ON THIS MOTION AND AS A CONSTITUENT I WOULD LOVE TO  
25   SEE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT. THANK YOU.



1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3  
4 **JOHN MCKENNA:** GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS JOHN MCKENNA WITH A NEW  
5 WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY  
6 SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THIS VERY WISE  
7 MOTION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS NOT ONLY PRACTICAL BUT IT'S A  
8 MORAL IMPERATIVE TO CARE FOR THOSE AND TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES  
9 OF MENTAL ILLNESS WITH ALL THE PROPER ATTENTION THAT IT  
10 REQUIRES. THE DESIGNATION OF CRIMINAL VERSUS MENTALLY ILL IS  
11 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER. NOT ONLY FOR THE  
12 WEALTH AND THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITIES BUT FOR OUR LONG  
13 TERM UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRULY IS. I NOTICE  
14 THAT WHEN I LOOKED AT THE SEAL ON THE BACK OF THE AGENDA  
15 TODAY, THE WORDS ARE "TO ENRICH LIVES THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND  
16 CARING SERVICE." I BELIEVE THIS MOTION TRULY SPEAKS TO THOSE  
17 WORDS, THAT WE WILL ENRICH THE LIVES THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND  
18 CARING SERVICES, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM  
19 MENTAL ILLNESS. THANK YOU.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK LAWRENCE FOY,  
22 DIANA ZUNIGA, JOSEPH MAIZLISH AND SIDNEY HAMMONDS TO JOIN US,  
23 PLEASE.



1   **CATHERINE BOND:** MY NAME IS CATHERINE BOND. I'M DIRECTOR OF  
2   ACTION SEMINARS FOR WELLNESS BUT I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LOS  
3   ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION. I BELIEVE I'M THE ONLY PERSON  
4   CURRENTLY SAYING ANYTHING TO YOU WHO HAS ACTUALLY BEEN  
5   ARRESTED FOR A MENTALLY DISTURBING BEHAVIOR IN A SHOPPING  
6   CENTER. IT HAPPENED TO ME IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, SO I REALLY  
7   CAN'T COMMENT, THANK GOD, ON THIS JAIL SYSTEM. HOWEVER, MANY  
8   OF US WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS AND  
9   PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSES KNOW HOW TERRIBLY IMPORTANT IT IS TO  
10   AVOID JAIL AT ALL COSTS. WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHEN WE GET JAILED  
11   IS NOT HELPFUL FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH, OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH OR  
12   ANYTHING ELSE. THE ONE THING I WOULD HOPE IS THAT ALONG WITH  
13   ALL THE DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE MENTIONED IN THE SUPERVISOR'S  
14   MOTION, THAT HE MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER THE GROUP THAT DEALS WITH  
15   SUBSTANCE USE AND ALCOHOL BECAUSE SO MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS ARE  
16   CONNECTED WITH THAT. THANK YOU.

17  
18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19  
20   **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOSEPH MAIZLISH, A  
21   MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND IN THE PAST, SERVED WITH THE  
22   VICTIMS OF CRIME PROGRAM. I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
23   YOUR CALL FOR GETTING THAT FULLY SUPPORTED AND CARED FOR AND  
24   ADVANCING WELL. AS I THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE, FOR APPLAUDING  
25   AND PURSUING STEPS OF COORDINATION AMONG COUNTY AGENCIES. THE



1 OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE COVERED THE POINTS I WANTED TO SAY ABOUT  
2 THE WISDOM OF DOING DIVERSION WITH THE MENTALLY ILL. I WANT TO  
3 REMIND YOU A COUPLE WEEKS AGO I GAVE YOU AN ARTICLE BY DAVID  
4 EAGLEMAN ON THE BRAIN ON TRIAL WHICH SAYS THE BOUNDARY OF  
5 MENTALLY ILL AND OTHERS IS NOT SO CLEAR AND OUGHT TO BE  
6 STUDIED WELL. AND OF COURSE WITH THE ATTENTION TO PUBLIC  
7 SAFETY, DIVERSION COULD BE USED FOR MANY OTHERS. ONE PROBLEM I  
8 SEE: THE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS MEASURE BUT THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
9 THE MEASURE ON SUPPORTING PLANNING OF THE JAIL, THE BIG JAIL  
10 PROJECT. I DON'T DISPUTE THE NEED FOR BETTER FACILITIES, BUT  
11 WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE NOW, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO  
12 BE IN JAIL UNNECESSARILY FOR MORE WEEKS AND THE PLAN FOR  
13 BUILDING FACILITIES FOR THE SIZE THAT WE KNOW WE WON'T NEED,  
14 SOMETHING'S OUT OF ORDER THERE. I THINK IT'S CALLED CART  
15 BEFORE THE HORSE BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS LAST YEAR. THANK  
16 YOU VERY MUCH.

17  
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19  
20 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, I'M WITH C.U.R.B. AND  
21 LOS ANGELES NO MORE JAILS. WE SUPPORT THE PLAN WITH SOME  
22 RESERVATIONS BECAUSE OF THE AMENDMENTS. WE NEED YOU ALL TO  
23 STILL MOVE FORWARD ON THE PLAN AND PRIORITIZE OUT OF CUSTODY  
24 TREATMENT, DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVES. WE HOPE THAT THIS MOVES  
25 FORWARD AND D.A. LACEY'S ANALYSIS WILL AGAIN DIVERT PEOPLE





1 INTO VOLUNTARY TREATMENT. WE ALSO HAVE HOPE THAT THIS CHANGES  
2 YOUR NEED TO WASTE MORE DOLLARS ON A COSTLY AND UNLESS JAIL  
3 PLAN THAT WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDING FOR. THESE JAILS ARE NOT  
4 GOING TO BE BUILT UNTIL YEARS FROM NOW, SO ESSENTIALLY THEY  
5 ARE BUILT TO INCARCERATE OUR YOUTH AND OUR FUTURE, NOT TO  
6 SOLVE THE PROBLEMS TODAY. THIS IS REALLY, REALLY AN ISSUE.  
7 THREE OUT OF FOUR CHILDREN ARE DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
8 ISSUES AND ARE NOT GETTING TREATMENT PER A STUDY DONE BY  
9 U.C.L.A. AND RELEASED YESTERDAY. SO, PLEASE, INSTEAD OF  
10 BUILDING JAILS, LET'S DIVERT PEOPLE AND LET'S CREATE TREATMENT  
11 INSTEAD OF MORE JAIL CELLS. WE NEED COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION  
12 AND ALTERNATIVES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND SO WE NEED YOU TO MOVE  
13 FORWARD ON THIS MOTION THAT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.  
14 AND WE NEED YOU TO START NOW. THANK YOU.

15  
16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK ARNOLD SACHS, JO  
17 HELEN GRAHAM, KAREN NAVARETA BELL AND ROBERT GORD OR TO JOIN  
18 US, PLEASE? GO AHEAD, SIR.

19  
20 **SIDNEY HAMMONDS:** GOOD MORNING. I'M SIDNEY HAMMONDS. I'M AN  
21 APPRENTICE WITH THE AMITY FOUNDATION AS WELL AS THE  
22 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSOCIATE WITH L.A.R.P. AND I'M HERE IN SUPPORT  
23 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM. AND BEING A FORMERLY  
24 INCARCERATED CITIZEN, I CAN TELL YOU PERSONALLY THAT JAILS ARE  
25 NOT REHABILITATIVE FOR ANYONE, AND ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO



1 SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS BECAUSE THEY ARE OFTEN SUBJECTED TO  
2 CRUELTY AND ALIENATION. IN THAT ENVIRONMENT, THEY GET  
3 ABSOLUTELY NO SUPPORT AND VERY LITTLE HELP. MOST TIMES JUST  
4 OVERLY MEDICATED. PERSONALLY, I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A MENTAL  
5 ILLNESS AND I REFUSED TO TAKE THE MEDICATION. AND WHEN I GOT  
6 TO THE AMITY FOUNDATION, I WAS ABLE TO ADDRESS A LOT OF THE  
7 ISSUES THAT I SUFFERED FROM PERSONALLY, WHICH HAVE ALLOWED ME  
8 TO LIVE PRODUCTIVE LIFE. AND I CAN TELL YOU PERSONALLY THAT  
9 HAVING ACCESS TO THESE COMMUNITY RESOURCES HAVE HELPED ME AND  
10 NOT HINDERED ME, LIKE INCARCERATION HAS.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

13  
14 **KAREN NAVARETA BELL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S KAREN NAVARETA  
15 BELL. I AM A GOLD STAR WIFE AND M.S.W INTERN FOR THE  
16 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CURRENTLY WORKING AT THE  
17 SOLDIERS PROJECT PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO MILITARY  
18 FAMILIES AND VETERANS. I'M HERE SUPPORTING THE INDIVIDUALS  
19 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ARRESTED OR CURRENTLY IN  
20 A COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM AND ABOUT TO BE RELEASED. I'M  
21 SPECIFICALLY HERE TO SUPPORT THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF  
22 VETERANS IN A SYSTEM, AS VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS REALLY  
23 ON THE HOME FRONT IN REGARD TO ISSUES SUCH AS P.T.S.D.,  
24 T.B.I., M.S.T., TO NAME A FEW. HISTORY SHOWS US THAT THERE ARE  
25 MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH WAR. IN VIETNAM, 1 IN



1 5 PERSONS INCARCERATED WERE MILITARY VETERANS. WE ASK THAT WE  
2 CONSIDER INVESTING IN DIVERSION, YOU CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF  
3 MILITARY POPULATIONS AS IT HAS A TRICKLE-DOWN EFFECT. MANY  
4 VETERANS INCARCERATED LOSE THEIR BENEFITS AFFECTING MANY  
5 FAMILIES. WE ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT  
6 MILITARY FAMILIES THAT HAVE ALREADY SACRIFICED SO MUCH.

7  
8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

9  
10 **JO HELEN GRAHAM:** GOOD MORNING. I AM JO HELEN GRAHAM. I AM HERE  
11 AS THE MOTHER OF A SON WHO HAS PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA,  
12 DIAGNOSED AT 17 YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS NOW 36. I WOULD LIKE  
13 TO SUPPORT THE JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM BY SPEAKING TO YOU ABOUT  
14 MENTAL ILLNESS AS IT IS LABELED AN ILLNESS. ALBEIT THAT IT IS  
15 AN ILLNESS OF OUR BRAIN AND MAJOR ORGAN THAT CONTROLS OUR  
16 THOUGHTS AND OUR BEHAVIORS. IT IS AN ILLNESS, A DISEASE, A  
17 SICKNESS. WHY, THEN, DO WE HAVE LAWS THAT LIMIT AND MEASURE  
18 THE TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE THE DIAGNOSIS OF A  
19 DISEASE AND SICKNESS AND ILLNESS OF THE BRAIN? WHY DON'T WE  
20 SIMPLY TREAT THE DISEASE OF THE BRAIN SIMILARLY TO THE MANNER  
21 IN WHICH WE TREAT CANCERS OF THE BODY, DIABETES OF THE BODY,  
22 HEART DISEASE AND ANY OTHER ILLNESS AND MAJOR ORGAN OF THE  
23 BODY? WHY ARE THERE LIMITATIONS TO THE SCOPE, THE BREADTH AND  
24 DEPTH OF TREATMENT FOR MENTAL ILLNESS? WHY IS IT SUCH AN  
25 ENORMOUS CHALLENGE TO OBTAIN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR THOSE



1 SUFFERING FROM DISEASES OF THE BRAIN? WHY DO WE IMPRISON, JAIL  
2 AND CATEGORIZE AS FELONS THOSE WITH A MEDICAL MENTAL ILLNESS,  
3 A DISEASE, A SICKNESS OF A MAJOR ORGAN OF THE BODY FOR  
4 BEHAVIORS THAT ARE MANIFESTATION OF THEIR ILLNESS AND IN MOST  
5 CASES ILLNESSES THAT ARE UNMEDICATED AND UNTREATED BECAUSE OF  
6 LAWS THAT GIVE RIGHTS TO THE INDIVIDUAL PSYCHOSIS TO REFUSE  
7 TREATMENT RATHER THAN RIGHTS TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE A  
8 PRODUCTIVE LIFE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WRAP IT UP, PLEASE.

11

12 **JO HELEN GRAHAM:** WHY DO ACCEPT JAILS AND PRISONS AS SURROGATE  
13 MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS FOR OUR MENTALLY ILL CITIZENS AND  
14 LOVED ONES RATHER THAN BUILDING CLINICS AND HOSPITALS TO CARE  
15 FOR THE TREATMENT OF THIS MENTALLY ILL? THERE ARE MANY  
16 UNANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT DEFY LOGIC REVOLVING AROUND THE  
17 TREATMENT OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS AND LOVED ONES.  
18 TODAY AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED YOU TO TAKE A STEP  
19 FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE MOST INHUMANE OF ALL: THE  
20 CRIMINALIZATION OF OUR MENTALLY ILL.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

23

24 **JO HELEN GRAHAM:** AND SUPPORT THE JAIL DIVERSION PROGRAM. THANK  
25 YOU, SIR.



1  
2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
5 JUST READING THIS MOTION, IT MENTIONS TO MAKE THIS \$20 MILLION  
6 AVAILABLE IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT PERIOD. WHEN  
7 DOES THAT OCCUR? AND THE OTHER PART OF THIS THAT LIMITS  
8 RESOURCES. YOU WANT TO LOCATE FACILITIES-- FACILITIES LOCATED  
9 ON COUNTY MEDICAL CAMPUSES THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR  
10 THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WHY LIMIT IT?  
11 YOU KNOW, BACK IN JANUARY OF 2013, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MADE  
12 A MOTION REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. IF COUNTY WILL RECEIVE  
13 APPROXIMATELY 450 MILLION ANNUALLY IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM  
14 WHAT WAS ONCE REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENTS. THE STATE IN MAY  
15 OR APRIL GRANTED \$40 MILLION TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR  
16 MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING. RANDALL HAEGER MENTIONS THAT FUNDING TO  
17 OPERATE THE FACILITIES DID NOT MAKE THE BILL. WHY ARE YOU  
18 LOOKING FOR MONEY? WHERE'S THE REDEVELOPMENT MONEY GOING? I  
19 KNOW, LOW INCOME HOUSING. SOMEBODY MENTIONED DEFY LOGIC. WHAT  
20 DEFIES LOGIC IS THE 20 YEARS--

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, PLEASE? SIR? THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT?  
23 I'D ASK JERILYN DIETRICH, MARK FAWCETT, KERN KIM, AND EDWARD  
24 GUERRERO TO JOIN US, PLEASE.



1 **ROBERT GORD:** MY NAME IS ROBERT FROM L.A. NO MORE JAILS. ALL  
2 OVER THE COUNTRY, PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT.  
3 THEY'RE BEGINNING TO SEE THAT FOR THE LAST FEW DECADES, THIS  
4 COUNTRY AND THIS STATE HAVE BEEN ON A COURSE OF OVER  
5 INCARCERATION, A COURSE THAT HAS MADE THE UNITED STATES THE  
6 LARGEST INCARCERATOR IN THE WORLD AND BROUGHT US TO A POINT  
7 WHERE THERE'S SO MUCH PUNISHMENT GOING ON THAT COMMUNITIES ARE  
8 ACTUALLY BEING HURT AND MADE MORE UNSAFE RATHER THAN SAFER. SO  
9 THE MORE VIGOROUSLY THIS BOARD PURSUES DIVERSION OF MENTALLY  
10 ILL AND ALSO DIVERSION OF PEOPLE WITH DRUG PROBLEMS, OTHER  
11 WELL THOUGHT OUT PROGRAMS OF DIVERSION, THE MORE YOU DO THAT,  
12 THE MORE THIS BOARD WILL BE FOUND TO STAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE  
13 OF HISTORY.

14  
15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16  
17 **JERI DIETRICH:** OH, HI, MY NAME IS JERI DIETRICH. I'M WITH L.A.  
18 NO MORE JAILS, ALSO. AND WELL EVERYBODY HAS SAID A WHOLE LOT  
19 ALREADY. SO I REALLY DON'T NEED TO SAY OF. I JUST WANT TO SAY  
20 I AGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL. I THINK IT SHOULD HAPPEN. I WISH  
21 YOU DIDN'T TAKE OUT THE COMMUNITY, THE REMOVAL OF COMMUNITY-  
22 BASED ORGANIZATIONS. I DON'T KNOW WHY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
23 KNOW ABOUT THAT. I'M ANGRY THAT YOU'RE GOING UNTIL THE 30TH OF  
24 SEPTEMBER. BUT ALL OF THIS STUFF, EVERYTHING TAKES TIME, IN MY  
25 OPINION. BUT WHAT THIS DIVERSION WILL DO IS TO HELP YOUR MAIN



1 PROBLEM, WHICH IS JAIL OVERCROWDING. AND IT'S A STEP IN THE  
2 RIGHT DIRECTION BECAUSE WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD MORE JAILS IF  
3 WE JUST DEAL WITH THESE OTHER KIND OF PROGRAMS TO DEAL WITH  
4 THE PROBLEM.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, NEXT?

7

8 **MARK FAWCETT:** MY NAME IS MARK FAWCETT. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE  
9 THIRD DISTRICT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M CHAIR OF THE LOS  
10 ANGELES REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP AS WELL AS WORKING FOR  
11 AMITY FOUNDATION. THE L.A.R.P. GROUP IS AN ORGANIZATION OF  
12 OVER 100 NONPROFIT FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED  
13 ORGANIZATIONS. AMITY HAS OVER A THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS THAT  
14 WE'RE WORKING WITH INSIDE THE STATE PRISONS, 200 OF THOSE ARE  
15 HERE IN LOS ANGELES AT OUR FACILITY. THIS MOTION FOR MARK  
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS SMART AND A WAY TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF NOT  
17 ONLY FUNDING BUT TO LOOK AT TRUE NAVIGATION TO SERVICES IN THE  
18 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING LOOKING AT EXISTING RESOURCES THAT WE  
19 HAVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. CURRENTLY AMITY IS WORKING ON A  
20 COLLABORATIVE PROJECT IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL FUNDED BY THE  
21 HILTON FOUNDATION ALONG WITH OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED  
22 ORGANIZATIONS, LED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF CORPORATION FOR  
23 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE KNOW THAT THE SERVICES CONNECTED TO  
24 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WORKS, AND WE SUPPORT THE MOTION.  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I WOULD ASK SHELIAH WARD AND  
3 LAWRENCE BOYD TO JOIN US, PLEASE. NEXT, SIR?

4

5 **KERN KIM:** HI, MY NAME IS KERN KIM, I ALSO REPRESENT THE ANTI-  
6 RECIDIVISM COALITION. I WAS INCARCERATED FOR 20 YEARS, THE  
7 LAST EIGHT OF WHICH I WORKED IN THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
8 AT THE PRISON THAT I WAS AT. I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THAT  
9 INCARCERATION OF MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS DOES NOT WORK. THE KEY  
10 ROLE OF CUSTODY IN THE PRISON SYSTEM IS NOT TO TREAT PATIENTS;  
11 IT IS FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE INSTITUTION. SO  
12 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE ARE OFTEN OVERMEDICATED SO THEY ARE  
13 BASICALLY IN A WAY, MENTALLY EUTHANIZED TO AVOID OUTBURSTS OF  
14 THAT NATURE. PEOPLE ARE RETURNED TO SOCIETY BECAUSE THEY ARE  
15 OFTEN LOCKED UP FOR VERY MINOR CRIMES, RATHER THAN RECEIVE THE  
16 TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED IN ORDER TO BENEFIT OUR SOCIETY SO  
17 THEY CAN REINTEGRATE PROPERLY, ALL THEY ARE IS, YOU ARE  
18 WAREHOUSING THEM AND NOT GIVING THEM THE HELP THAT THEY NEED.  
19 THE COST OF INCARCERATION AND THE TREATMENT THAT THEY RECEIVE  
20 INSIDE IS NOT WISELY SPENT. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S PROPOSAL IS A  
21 MUCH BETTER CHOICE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

24





1 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** EDWARD GUERRERO. I WAS INCARCERATED. I'M A  
2 DISABLED PERSON. I'M GOING BLIND. AND I WAS INCARCERATED AFTER  
3 ASKING FOR HELP BECAUSE I WAS SEXUALLY MOLESTED BY A POLICE  
4 OFFICER WHO BEAT ME AND THEN YANKED ME OUT OF CITY HALL BY MY  
5 PENIS. I WAS WITNESSED THE BEATING OF DISABLED PEOPLE JUST  
6 BECAUSE THEY WERE SCARED OR THEY CRIED. AND I WITNESSED  
7 SHERIFFS SLAP, PUNCH AND PUSH THE DISABLED TO THE GROUND. I  
8 WITNESSED SHERIFFS COME INTO THE DISABLED POD AND ENCOURAGE  
9 THE FIGHTING OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEM YANKING OUT DISABLED  
10 PEOPLE AND SEVERELY BEATING THEM AND THEN THEY WOULD COME BACK  
11 HAVING SEIZURES. I WAS WRONGFULLY INCARCERATED BY MIKE  
12 ANTONOVICH AFTER I REQUESTED HIS HELP. UNLESS YOU GO TO JAIL  
13 AND REALLY SEE WHAT REALLY GOES ON, YOU GUYS DON'T KNOW  
14 NOTHING. BUT YOU HAVE TO ASK US. YOU HAVE TO ASK A PERSON LIKE  
15 ME WHAT'S THE BEST POSSIBLE TREATMENT FOR A DISABLED PERSON?  
16 IT ISN'T JAIL.

17  
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

19  
20 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** CITIZEN'S ARREST FOR YOU, MIKE ANTONOVICH.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

23  
24 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS. I AM INTO "OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS  
25 BETTER THAN THE POUND OF CURE." IF WE UNITE ALL THE FAMILIES



1 TO STAY TOGETHER, WE DON'T HAVE MENTAL PROBLEMS. THE MENTAL  
2 UNSTABILITY IS TAKEN FROM THE FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE TAKEN FROM  
3 THEIR HOMES WITHOUT A JUST CAUSE AND NOT PLACED BACK INTO THE  
4 HOME FOR A PERTINENT REASON. MY EXPERIENCE IS MY CHILDREN WERE  
5 TAKEN FROM ME BECAUSE I WAS TALKING ABOUT ME AND NELSON AND  
6 WINNIE. I'M IN GERONIMO PRATT. I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT  
7 DESTROYING THE WORLD. I WAS TALKING ABOUT SAVING A WORLD THAT  
8 WAS DESTINED FOR DESTRUCTION BY THE ALMIGHTY GOD. THE REASON  
9 WHY WE HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS IS BECAUSE THE SYSTEM AT LARGE IS  
10 PROPOSING THAT TO BE. IF YOU HELP THE PEOPLE AND HELP THE  
11 FAMILIES, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THINGS LIKE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT  
12 U.S.C. NOBODY SHOULD TAKE THEIR TIME TO SHOOT ANOTHER  
13 INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE THEY HAVE A MENTAL PROBLEM. MENTAL PROBLEMS  
14 STEM FROM WHAT WE THE PEOPLE HAVE PUT TOGETHER AGAINST OUR  
15 PEOPLE. THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND  
16 FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH IS WHAT'S  
17 WRITTEN ON THE WALLS.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'VE HAD TWO LATE  
20 SIGNUPS. HELEN BEYENE? I APOLOGIZE. B-E-Y-E-N-E. AND JOHN  
21 WALSH? COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

22  
23 **HELEN BEYENE:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE  
24 OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE DIVERSION PROGRAM. I THINK IT IS  
25 REALLY AN INSPIRATION FOR US THAT TOOK TIME TO LOOK INTO THE



1 ROOT CAUSES OF THE PROBLEMS. I MYSELF, MY NAME IS HELEN  
2 BEYENE. I HAVE MY DAUGHTER. I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET HER  
3 TREATMENT. AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. IT'S BEEN MONTHS, ALMOST  
4 THREE TO FIVE YEARS OF ACTIVE SEARCH AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE  
5 TO GET HER TREATMENT. AND RIGHT NOW SHE'S IN JAIL. SHE  
6 ACTUALLY LITERALLY WALKED INTO THE JAIL WHILE IN THE CUSTODY  
7 OF BOARD AND CARE AND DOCTORS WHO DIDN'T WANT TO CONTINUE WITH  
8 HER TREATMENT. SO I THINK, REALLY, YOUR HELP WILL BE VERY  
9 APPRECIATED. YEAH, WE WERE ASKING FOR THEM TO KEEP HER ON  
10 LONGER AND GIVE HER THE TREATMENT THAT SHE NEEDED.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY COULDN'T THEY KEEP HER?

13

14 **HELEN BEYENE:** THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE THEM MORE THAN  
15 SEVEN DAYS AND THERE'S A LIMIT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE OF STATE LAW, CORRECT?

18

19 **HELEN BEYENE:** YEAH, IT'S ACTUALLY, THEY WANT TO GIVE E.R.  
20 CRISIS HELP AND SEND THEM OUT. AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE  
21 OF THEM, LOOK FOR TREATMENT PLACES. BUT THE DOCTOR WAS VERY  
22 ADAMANT TO GO BACK HOME.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW SHE REQUIRES BOARD AND CARE?

25



1 **HELEN BEYENE:** SHE REALLY NEEDS COUNSELING, SKILLS BUILDING,  
2 TOOLS. AND THE TREATMENT THAT SHE NEEDS IS REALLY SPECIFIC TO  
3 THE HOSPITAL AND THE TREATMENT CENTER. WE WERE LOOKING FOR A  
4 REHAB. BECAUSE SHE HAS CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS. AND WE WEREN'T  
5 ABLE TO GET A BED BECAUSE THERE'S A WAITING LIST. AND SHE HAS  
6 BEEN WITH ME-- I'VE BEEN OVERSEAS IN BAGHDAD. AND I THINK  
7 THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS THAT SHE NEEDS HELP WITH, YOU  
8 KNOW. SHE IS A MOM AND SHE'S BEEN IN JAIL. SHE SHOULD HAVE  
9 BEEN THERE ONE DAY AND SHE'S NOW THERE 60 DAYS AND I KNOW WE  
10 ARE TRYING TO GET HER TO A HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW, TO AN E.R., SO  
11 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE WALKING THIS PATH FOR TREATMENT.

12  
13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

14  
15 **HELEN BEYENE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE IT.

16  
17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR  
18 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL OR JUST GO TO @HOLLYWOODDEMS. THE ROOT  
19 CAUSE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTY IS SIZE. WE'RE GOING  
20 TO GET THE VOTE IN NOVEMBER ON BREAKING THE STATE OF  
21 CALIFORNIA INTO SIX PIECES. WHAT WE WANT IS TO BREAK THE  
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES INTO SIX PIECES IF YOU GO TO  
23 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG AND CONTINUE WITH FIVE PEOPLE BUT THEN  
24 WE WON'T HAVE TO-- WE'LL HAVE-- THIS IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN  
25 THE WORLD. IT'S 10 MILLION PEOPLE. THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE HERE



1 THAN MINNESOTA. MORE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY THAN IN THE STATE  
2 OF MINNESOTA WHICH HAS TWO HOUSES OF LEGISLATURE. WE NEED TO  
3 BREAK DOWN THIS COUNTY. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE TRUTH.  
4 THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARMANDO HERMAN?

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8 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, FELLOW AMERICANS. I'M REACHING  
9 OUT TO YOU AND REACHING OUT TO THE HEALTH SERVICES OF WHAT  
10 AMERICA HAS DONE EVER SINCE WE'VE CHANGED OUR HEALTH CARE  
11 SERVICES. MANY WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE DENIED MEDICAL  
12 ATTENTION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, THROUGHOUT THE CITY. IT'S A  
13 SHAME, A REAL SHAME THAT WE CANNOT GET OUR ACT TOGETHER FOR  
14 HEALTH SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY DESPAIRED, THOSE OF  
15 US WHO ARE V.A.S , WHO HAVE ISSUES, AND THOSE OF US WHO ARE  
16 JUST YOUR TYPICAL CITIZENS SUCH AS MYSELF WHO RENDER THE SAME  
17 TYPES OF SERVICES OF PUBLIC SERVICES THROUGH THIS COUNTY  
18 SERVICE SYSTEM. I'M NOT GETTING INTO THE DETAIL BUT WHEN I DO,  
19 I WILL BE FRUSTRATED, I WILL DISLIKE HOW YOU HAVE NOT  
20 APPRECIATED THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE THIS COUNTRY AND SERVE THE  
21 CITIES AND THESE COUNTIES AS AN EMPLOYEE, EX-EMPLOYEE, WHEN I  
22 WORKED AT U.S.C. COUNTY AS A C.N.A. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE.

23



1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM HAS BEEN  
2 RECOMMENDED TO CONTINUE TO SEPTEMBER 30TH. I KNOW, AND  
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE SOME COMMENTS?

4  
5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
6 THE COMMENTS OF THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY, THE QUALITY  
7 OF THOSE COMMENTS, THE INCISIVENESS OF THOSE COMMENTS, THE A  
8 AUTHENTICITY OF THOSE COMMENTS. AND WE AS A BOARD RESPECT YOUR  
9 INSIGHTS, YOUR EXPERIENCES AND YOUR OBSERVATIONS. I'M GOING TO  
10 ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR, DR. MARV  
11 SOUTHARD IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD. BEFORE DOING SO, I WANT TO  
12 ASSERT THAT USING THE JAILS TO TREAT PERSONS WHO ARE MENTALLY  
13 ILL SIMPLY DOES NOT WORK. FURTHERMORE, IT'S SUBSTANTIALLY  
14 SUPPORTED THAT IT WASTES TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND IN MANY CASES IT  
15 IS SIMPLY INHUMANE. THIS BOARD, AS I SAID A MOMENT AGO,  
16 RECOGNIZES THAT WE CANNOT PUNISH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK, WE  
17 SHOULD NOT DO SO. EARLY IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, WE MADE THAT  
18 CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE UNANIMOUS MOTION THAT WAS ADOPTED TO  
19 EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLES OF DIVERSION. JUST A COUPLE WEEKS AGO  
20 WE REAFFIRMED OUR SENSE OF CONCERN ABOUT THIS PURSUANT TO THE  
21 TESTIMONY OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SO IN PARTICULAR OUR  
22 COUNTY NEEDS TO MAKE A STRONGER EFFORT TO KEEP A MENTALLY ILL  
23 PERSONS FROM GOING TO JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE, TO KEEP THEM  
24 FROM RETURNING TO JAIL WHEN THEY'RE RELEASED. THAT'S  
25 ESSENTIALLY THE OBJECTIVE IF WE BELIEVE THAT JAIL IS NO PLACE



1 FOR THE MENTALLY ILL THAT WE OUGHT TO PREVENT THEM FROM GOING  
2 THERE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AND DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO GET THEM  
3 OUT ONCE WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT THEY ARE THERE. BUT WE NEED  
4 TO HAVE PLACES FOR THEM TO BE TREATED. THERE IS NO ESCAPING  
5 THE FACT THAT THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL MUST BE TREATED. THEY  
6 CANNOT BE SUCCESSFULLY TREATED IN JAIL. AND THE RESULTS FROM  
7 SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION PROGRAMS ACROSS THE NATION ARE RATHER  
8 ENCOURAGING: INTENSIVE TREATMENT LOWERS RECIDIVISM. I DON'T  
9 KNOW ANYBODY HERE WHO THINKS THAT LOWERING RECIDIVISM ISN'T A  
10 GOOD THING. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT IS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE WOULD  
11 HOPE TO ACHIEVE. WHY? IT RESULTS OF FEWER CRIMES AND LOWERS  
12 INCARCERATION RATES. SO ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S JUST A  
13 WORTHY AND DEFENSIBLE PURSUIT OF OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES. NEW  
14 YORK IS DOING IT SUCCESSFULLY WITH THEIR NATHANIEL PROJECT.  
15 AND CERTAINLY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE DON'T WANT NEW  
16 YORK TO OUTDO US IN ANY WAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CHICAGO, WE  
17 DON'T HAVE AS OF RIVALRY WITH THEM, BUT THEY ARE DOING MUCH  
18 BETTER THAN WE ARE ON THIS FRONT. AND I THINK LOS ANGELES IS  
19 OFTEN THE CENTER OF INNOVATION. IT IS OFTEN THE LOCUS OF  
20 WHAT'S NEW AND WHAT'S NEXT. IT IS IN MY VIEW WHAT WE NEED TO  
21 ESTABLISH WITH RESPECT TO INNOVATION AND RESULTS- ORIENTATION  
22 ON THE DIVERSION FRONT. AND I DON'T WANT TO DEMEAN OR DISMISS  
23 OR DISPARAGE THE EFFORTS THAT THE COUNTY HAS MADE TO DATE. THE  
24 EXPERTS ACROSS-THE-BOARD, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
25 INITIAL LEADERSHIP, LOCAL CITY COUNCILS, HEALTH AND MENTAL



1 HEALTH PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EVEN NOW THE DISTRICT  
2 ATTORNEY IN AN EXTRAORDINARY WAY, AS WELL AS FAMILIES, THOSE  
3 WHO HAVE TESTIFIED HERE TODAY, ADVOCATES, THEY CONFIRM THAT WE  
4 CAN AND WE MUST DO MORE. ALL OF US HAVE HEARD FROM VARIOUS  
5 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTACTED OUR OFFICES, SITTING MEMBERS OF  
6 THE BENCH, JUDGE SMERLING WRITES RATHER POINTEDLY THE  
7 FOLLOWING: "WITHOUT FUNDING, SUCH AS THAT AUTHORIZED IN THE  
8 MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US IT WOULD APPEAR IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE  
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO IMPLEMENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE  
10 LACEY'S VISION FOR DIVERSION OF MENTALLY ILL, RECENTLY  
11 SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS." OTHERS HAVE WEIGHED  
12 IN. DR. TERRY COOPER. SOME OF YOU HAVE RECEIVED HIS DOCUMENT  
13 AND IT'S RATHER COMPELLING. M.D., M.S.P. CLEARLY, IF DIVERSION  
14 IS TO BE EXPANDED TO HELP REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION, SAVE THE  
15 COUNTY A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY, AND TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOME FOR  
16 A LARGE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS  
17 AND/OR MENTAL ILLNESS, THEN FUNDS NEED TO BE ALLOCATED UP  
18 FRONT TO MAKE DIVERSION WORK. HE URGES US TO DO LIKEWISE. AND  
19 THEN NOTHING LIKE THE TESTIMONY OF A MOTHER. YOU HEARD SOME OF  
20 IT. LET ME JUST READ THE BALANCE OF IT. WHY DO WE ACCEPT JAILS  
21 AND PRISONS AS SURROGATE MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS FOR OUR  
22 MENTALLY ILL CITIZENS AND LOVED ONES RATHER THAN BUILD  
23 CLINICS, HOSPITALS TO CARE FOR TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL?  
24 FROM A MOTHER, SHE POSES THAT QUESTION. MR. CHAIRMAN AND  
25 COLLEAGUES, I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY THERE IS SIMPLY NOT IN ENOUGH





1 IN THE WAY OF RESOURCES BEING SPECIFICALLY DEVOTED TO  
2 DIVERSION. THE MOTION THAT'S BEFORE US WOULD SET ASIDE SOME  
3 \$20 MILLION AS WE GET READY TO HEAR THE D.A.'S RECOMMENDATIONS  
4 THIS FALL AND DEVELOP A FORMULA TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE  
5 ONGOING AMOUNT. MAY I ASSERT WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION,  
6 \$20 MILLION IS A MODEST START. IT'S JUST 1 PERCENT OF THE  
7 ENTIRE \$2 BILLION THAT WE ALLOCATED FOR JAIL CONSTRUCTION,  
8 PLANNING AND MODERNIZATION. AND I MIGHT HASTEN TO ADD THAT  
9 THAT MODERNIZATION IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. BUT IN THAT  
10 DISCUSSION, WE MADE IT ALSO IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT DIVERSION,  
11 DIVERSION HAD TO BE AN INCREASING PRIORITY. NOW, IT'S NOT  
12 UNCOMMON-- AND I THINK ALL OF US CAN UNDERSTAND THIS. FAMILIES  
13 SET ASIDE MONEY FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN MANY  
14 INSTANCES TO BUY A HOUSE WITHOUT WAITING FOR KNOWING WHAT ALL  
15 THE DETAILS ARE. WHY? SIMPLE: IT'S A PRIORITY. THEY GET READY.  
16 SO YOU SERVICE A PRIORITY WITHOUT THE SPECIFICITY BECAUSE YOU  
17 KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO GET READY IF IT'S REALLY A PRIORITY. AND  
18 SIMILARLY, I THINK, IT'S THE COMMON PRACTICE FOR THIS COUNTY  
19 TO SET ASIDE DOLLARS WHEN IT'S A PRIORITY. SOMETIMES WITHOUT A  
20 BOARD MOTION, THAT JUST MOVES FORWARD, IT COMES TO US FOR  
21 CONSIDERATION. MAY I OFFER YOU EXAMPLES? THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS.  
22 THE C.E.O. SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY \$100 MILLION FOR JAIL  
23 CONSTRUCTION BEFORE THE JAIL MASTER PLAN WAS APPROVED. WHY?  
24 BECAUSE IT WAS A PRIORITY. THE C.E.O. SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY  
25 \$18 MILLION FOR D.C.F.S. PRIORITIES BEFORE WE KNEW THE



1 SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION AND,  
2 WHY? BECAUSE IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT WAS A PRIORITY. ADDITIONALLY  
3 THE C.E.O. SET ASIDE OTHER DOLLARS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE  
4 COUNTY INCURRING SIGNIFICANT EXPENSES TO ADDRESS LITIGATION OR  
5 OTHER ISSUES, WHY? YOU HAVE TO GET READY. YOU HAVE TO BE  
6 PREPARED TO SERVICE A SPECIFIC PRIORITY, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE  
7 SUBJECT. SO THERE'S NOTHING DIFFERENT HERE. AND YET AFTER MORE  
8 THAN A DECADE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SCRUTINY AND SEVEN  
9 YEARS OF JAIL REPLACEMENT PLANNING, THE BOARD HAS YET TO  
10 SPECIFICALLY SET ASIDE ANY DOLLARS FOR DIVERSION. WELL, WE CAN  
11 CORRECT THAT. AND WE SHOULD. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AS WE  
12 WELL KNOW, INCARCERATES THE LARGEST AMOUNT, THE LARGEST NUMBER  
13 OF MENTALLY ILL PERSONS ANYWHERE IN THE NATION. IT'S TIME FOR  
14 US TO STOP MERELY TALKING ABOUT TREATING MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS  
15 WITH DIGNITY AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT TREATING THOSE PATIENTS  
16 WITH DIGNITY. IT'S SMART FROM A FISCAL PERSPECTIVE. IT'S  
17 PRUDENT AND DEFENSIBLE FROM THE POLICY PERSPECTIVE. IT IS  
18 MORALLY PROPER, MORALLY APPROPRIATE, AND WE SHOULD SIMPLY GET  
19 ON WITH THAT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY. I ASK THAT DR. SOUTHARD  
20 COME FORWARD TO TALK ABOUT THAT WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE  
21 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S  
22 A DOCUMENT THAT'S BEEN RELEASED FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. I THINK  
23 IT'S IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT. DR. SOUTHARD, PERHAPS YOU CAN  
24 EDIFY THE BOARD AS TO WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS  
25 PROVIDED TO DATE.



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2 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MARV

3 SOUTHARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THE DOCUMENT THAT

4 HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO YOUR OFFICES IS A DOCUMENT THAT WAS

5 ORIGINALLY PREPARED TO BE DEVELOPED FOR THE DISTRICT

6 ATTORNEY'S DIVERSION PROGRAM. SO IT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT

7 WE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GAINES CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF

8 A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO DIVERSION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

9 THE DOCUMENT INCLUDES TWO ELEMENTS, ONE IS THOSE THINGS THAT

10 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS CURRENTLY DOING ACROSS THE

11 LANGUAGE THAT'S USED BY THE GAINES CENTER IS INTERCEPTS. SO

12 THE INTERCEPTS WHERE DIVERSION MIGHT TAKE PLACE. SO THERE IS

13 ONE DOCUMENT THAT DESCRIBES WHAT WE DO IN THOSE FIVE

14 INTERCEPTS, WHICH ARE DIVERSION THAT TAKES PLACE PRE-ARREST,

15 DIVERSION THAT TAKES PLACE IN SUPERIOR COURT, DIVERSION THAT

16 TAKES PLACE AFTER SENTENCING, DIVERSION THAT IS A PART OF

17 DISCHARGE PLANNING AND THEN FINALLY THE FIFTH INTERCEPT IS

18 DESCRIBED AS COMMUNITY SUPPORT AFTER RELEASE. SO THOSE ARE THE

19 FIVE INTERCEPTS. ONE SIDE DESCRIBES WHAT THE COUNTY IS ALREADY

20 DOING. THE OTHER SIDE DESCRIBES THOSE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY

21 IS PLANNING TO DO USING S.B.82 FUNDING. AND WITH THE POTENTIAL

22 OF ADDING TO THAT THE DRUG MEDICAID FUNDING THAT WOULD BE

23 AVAILABLE TO DO THE RESIDENTIAL AND DETOX TREATMENT THAT

24 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE. SO NEITHER THE-- WHAT WE ARE DOING NOR

25 WHAT WE PLAN TO DO IS SUFFICIENT FOR A FULL, INTENSIVE



1 DIVERSION PROGRAM. THAT FULL PROGRAM WOULD NEED TO INCLUDE A  
2 ROBUST SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMPONENT AND PARTICULARLY HOUSING  
3 OPTIONS. ONE OF THE THINGS WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IS THAT WHEN  
4 DIVERSION TAKES PLACE, IT DOESN'T TAKE THE FORM OF ALTERNATE  
5 INCARCERATION SO THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT LOCKED UP IN JAIL BUT END  
6 UP BEING LOCKED UP IN ANOTHER FACILITY BECAUSE THAT SERVES NO  
7 ONE'S GOOD EITHER ON THE FINANCING SIDE OR ON THE LIFE SIDE.  
8 SO THE MOTION AND WHAT IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR WOULD BE A GOOD  
9 DOWN PAYMENT ON A LARGER SYSTEM THAT WE EXPECT WOULD BE THE  
10 RESULT OF THE GAINES CENTER REPORT THAT THE DISTRICT  
11 ATTORNEY'S PREPARING.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, DR. SOUTHARD. I THINK IT'S  
14 USEFUL FOR THE BOARD TO APPRECIATE THAT WHICH HAS BEEN  
15 PRESENTED. BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT FOR US TO APPRECIATE THAT  
16 WHICH HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY COVERED BY VIRTUE OF THINGS THAT  
17 IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL OPINION MAY STILL BE NEED TO BE DONE TO  
18 FULFILL THE OBJECTIVES OF A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN OR  
19 PROGRAM THAT SUITS THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO  
20 WHERE ARE WE FALLING SHORT IN TERMS OF WHAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN  
21 ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY DOCUMENT AS PROGRESS?

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23 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THE BIGGEST AREA IN WHICH WE HAVE THE  
24 GREATEST OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPROVEMENT IS IN THE AREA OF PRE-  
25 BOOKING DIVERSION. RIGHT NOW, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, FOR



1 A VARIETY OF THINGS, ARE BROUGHT INTO THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND  
2 EVERY TIME SOMEBODY IS ARRESTED, THAT MAKES THEIR FUTURE LIFE  
3 SITUATION WORSE. THE MIAMI DADE PROGRAM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
4 WORK TOWARDS WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS A PRE-BOOKING  
5 DIVERSION THAT HAS AS ITS STARTING POINT THE TRAINING OF LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS  
7 IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF WAY. SO THE FIRST STEP IS TO TRAIN LAW  
8 ENFORCEMENT TO DEAL WITH THE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO  
9 COMMIT MINOR CRIMES IN A DIFFERENT SORT OF WAY, AND THEN THE  
10 SECOND COMPONENT OF THAT IS HAVING PLACES, TREATMENT PLACES TO  
11 WHICH THEY MIGHT BE BROUGHT. AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE  
12 HAVE HERE IN LOS ANGELES FOR IMPROVEMENT IN THAT, PLACES TO  
13 WHICH THEY MIGHT BE BROUGHT ARE TWO BIG ONES. ONE OF THOSE HAS  
14 TO DO WITH SENATOR STEINBERG'S S.B.82 THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE  
15 BRINGING-- L.A. COUNTY WAS AWARDED 500 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
16 SLOTS AND 4 ADDITIONAL URGENT CARES. THOSE PROGRAMS WILL BE  
17 BROUGHT TO THE BOARD WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH OR SO FOR MOVEMENT  
18 OF THAT PROCESS FORWARD. AND THE SECOND, AND I THINK EVEN MORE  
19 SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DRUG  
20 MEDICAID PROGRAM, WHICH HAS AN ENTITLEMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS FOR  
21 DETOXIFICATION AND FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT. I THINK DETOX  
22 AND RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT WILL PROVIDE A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR  
23 IMPROVEMENT AND DIVERSION BECAUSE MOST TIMES THAT PEOPLE WITH  
24 MENTAL ILLNESS ARE ARRESTED, THEY HAVE NOT JUST A MENTAL  
25 ILLNESS BUT ALSO AN ISSUE OF ADDICTION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW DR. SOUTHARD?

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4 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** AND THE DRUG MEDICAID PROGRAM IS A  
5 FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DON'T KNOW THAT WE ALL HEARD THE  
8 QUESTION TO WHICH YOU--

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10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I JUST MENTIONED THAT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
11 THAT DR. SOUTHARD WHEN HE SPEAKS TO A.B.82, THAT SPEAKS TO  
12 IT'S ALREADY FULLY FUNDED. SO THAT'S A PROGRAM THAT'S GOING TO  
13 COME FORWARD IN A MONTH, THAT SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THIS  
14 DISCUSSION BECAUSE THERE'S SEPARATE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THESE  
15 PROGRAMS THAT WOULD HELP US MOVE IT FORWARD. BUT YOU SHOULD  
16 SPEAK TO THAT AND SAY THERE IS A FUNDING SOURCE.

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18 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SO THE S.B.82, THE CAPITAL COSTS ARE PAID  
19 FOR, AND WE'RE DEVELOPING THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF HOW THE  
20 PROGRAMS WILL BE RUN. THEY'RE CURRENTLY FUNDED FOR THE FIRST  
21 YEAR OR TWO USING M.H.S.A. FUNDING. AFTER THAT WE ARE  
22 DEVELOPING A LONGER TERM FUNDING PLAN FOR THE RESIDENTIAL  
23 TREATMENT BEDS-- EXCUSE ME, THE CRISIS RESIDENTIAL MENTAL  
24 HEALTH BEDS. THE DRUG MEDICAID AND THE DETOX FOR PEOPLE WHO  
25 ARE POOR WILL BE FULLY FUNDED AS A FEDERAL ENTITLEMENT FOR THE



1 NEXT THREE YEARS. AND THEN AFTER THAT IT WILL BE A 10 PERCENT  
2 LOCAL MATCH.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THE BOARD IS SEEKING TO BETTER  
5 UNDERSTAND THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU HAVE DISTRIBUTED, DR.  
6 SOUTHARD. BUT AS BEST AS WE CAN DISCERN, THE AREA, THE C.R.M.  
7 URGENT CARE CENTERS AND THE C.R.M. CRISIS RESIDENTIAL  
8 TREATMENT PROGRAMS, THAT IS IN REALITY A PERCENTAGE OF THE  
9 NUMBERS THAT ARE REPRESENTED HERE, IS THAT CORRECT?

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11 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES. THOSE PROGRAMS ARE ON THE DOCUMENT  
12 ARE THE FULL OPERATING USE, PROJECTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM. AND  
13 WE EXPECT THAT ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF THOSE WILL BE USED FOR  
14 DIVERSIONARY PURPOSES.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU, DR. SOUTHARD.

17

18 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SO ABOUT 15 PERCENT OF THOSE LARGE  
19 NUMBERS WILL BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF DIVERSION IS OUR  
20 ESTIMATE.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE REASON FOR RAISING THAT QUESTION, MR.  
23 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES. I DO NOT WANT IT TO BE THOUGHT THAT  
24 THE NUMBERS HERE REPRESENT THAT WHICH IS ACTUALLY BEING  
25 COMMITTED TO DIVERSION, NUMBER ONE. NUMBER TWO, DR. SOUTHARD



1 HAS INDICATED THE AREAS IN WHICH WE ARE FALLING VERY SHORT,  
 2 PRE-BOOKING BEING AN EXAMPLE. I GUESS THE THRUST OF WHAT I  
 3 SEEK TO CALL TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION IS THAT THERE IS A LOT  
 4 OF WORK TO BE DONE IN THE AREA OF DIVERSION. WE ALL AGREE;  
 5 THAT IS, WE HAVE MADE IT PUBLICLY CLEAR THAT WE BELIEVE  
 6 DIVERSION IS THE ORDER OF THE DAY WITH RESPECT TO THE MORE  
 7 PRUDENT USE OF OUR RESOURCES AND THE MORE HUMANE WAY TO TREAT  
 8 THOSE WHO SUFFER WITH THE VARIOUS FORMS OF MENTAL ILLNESS. AND  
 9 IT IS APPROPRIATE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM OUT OF  
 10 INCARCERATED ENVIRONMENTS AND/OR STATED DIFFERENTLY, TO KEEP  
 11 THEM OUT OF HARM'S WAY. WE WANT TO SEE THEM HEALED, AND WE  
 12 NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE PROPERLY TREATED. MR. CHAIRMAN, I  
 13 UNDERSTAND THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS AN AMENDING MOTION  
 14 FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. AND I WISH TO FOLLOW UP, IF YOU'LL  
 15 PERMIT.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BEFORE WE DO THE MOTION, I JUST  
 18 THINK FOR EVERYONE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO-- THAT WE  
 19 WANT TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL, I WOULD NOT  
 20 WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S A PRO DIVERSION  
 21 OR ANTI DIVERSION KIND OF A SITUATION, OR THAT YOU DON'T  
 22 SUPPORT DIVERSION. I THINK THE ISSUES WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL  
 23 WITH, WHEN'S THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION, WE  
 24 ARE WAITING ON DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY'S REPORT, DUE IN A FEW  
 25 WEEKS THAT WILL ADD INPUT. IT MAY BE 20 MILLION. IT MAY BE





1 MORE. IT COULD BE BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT.  
2 THIS BOARD HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO DIVERSION. SO I DON'T WANT  
3 TO GET DOWN TO A DISCUSSION OF PRO DIVERSION OR ANTI DIVERSION  
4 OR THAT KIND OF A SITUATION. THE FACT IS, THIS BOARD'S  
5 COMMITTED, AND WE NEED TO TAKE THIS THING IN THE BIGGER  
6 PICTURE WHEN WE DEAL WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL IN SEPTEMBER.  
7 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS A MOTION AND THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS. THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO  
10 MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO CREATE A PROVISIONAL  
11 FINANCE UNIT CONSISTING OF \$20 MILLION IDENTIFIED FROM A  
12 COMBINATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT, INVESTMENT IN  
13 MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS ACT 2013, S.B.82, THE RE-ALIGNMENT  
14 FUNDS, THE SHERIFF'S INMATE WELFARE FUNDS, MEDI-CAL AND  
15 HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE, AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
16 IF THESE ARE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE DIVERSION PROGRAM'S  
17 REFERENCE IN THE MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M PREPARED TO ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY  
20 AMENDMENT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A VERY SERIOUS  
25 ISSUE. WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE, IT IS



1   AMAZING IN MANY RESPECTS. FIRST OF ALL YOU HAVE PROVIDERS THAT  
2   NEED ADDITIONAL MONEY, AND I CAN APPRECIATE THAT. BUT IN  
3   PARTICULAR YOU HAVE A LOT OF PARENTS THAT ARE COPING WITH  
4   THESE ISSUES WITH MANY OF THEIR ADULT CHILDREN. SOME THAT WERE  
5   RECENTLY DIAGNOSED AND MAYBE SOME THAT HAVE HAD SOME OF THESE  
6   ISSUES FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. THE KEY IS THAT THERE'S NOT  
7   ENOUGH RESOURCES ANYWHERE, AT THE STATE, AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL  
8   OR HERE AT LOCAL LEVEL TO TREAT THIS ISSUE COMPREHENSIVELY.  
9   I'M TROUBLED BY THE LACK OF LEADERSHIP IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH  
10   COMMUNITY AND IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PROVIDING THE  
11   KIND OF LEADERSHIP ASSISTANCE THAT WE NEED HERE TO GIVE US  
12   SOME GUIDANCE AS TO HOW TO PREPARE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE  
13   APPROACH TO DIVERSION. A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK THAT DIVERSION IS  
14   GOING TO END AND NOT HAVE TO BUILD MORE JAIL BEDS. I WISH THAT  
15   WERE THE CASE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, IF WE KNOW ANYTHING  
16   ABOUT DIVERSION, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WILL STILL NEED TO  
17   BE, UNFORTUNATELY, INCARCERATED BY THEIR OWN MENTAL ILLNESS,  
18   WHATEVER SEVERITY THERE IS. WE SEE IT ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND  
19   THERE ARE SO MANY WELL-INTENTIONED PEOPLE AND PARENTS WHO ARE  
20   TRYING TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE TO THEIR  
21   OWN CHILDREN. IN MANY INSTANCES, SOME OF THESE CHILDREN WILL  
22   GET TREATMENT AND WILL GET SOME HELP, BUT AT THE END OF THE  
23   DAY, THE SEVERITY AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS  
24   IS SO SEVERE THAT IT CANNOT BE OVERCOME BY SOME OF THESE  
25   ISSUES. TWO YEARS AGO, WE LOST A FRIEND WHO WAS KILLED BY



1 THEIR MENTALLY ILL SON. BOTH PARENTS WERE KILLED. WE SEE THESE  
2 INCIDENTS FROM TIME TO TIME BECAUSE WE ARE NOT SURE EXACTLY  
3 HOW AND WHAT TO DO. AND THIS HAS BEEN A TROUBLESOME ISSUE EVER  
4 SINCE WE ENDED OUR INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE MENTALLY ILL.  
5 AT THAT TIME, THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF MENTALLY ILL WAS  
6 REALLY AN AWKWARD SITUATION BECAUSE IT WAS A MIXED BAG. YOU  
7 HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WERE INAPPROPRIATELY BEING  
8 INSTITUTIONALIZED IN A WAY THAT WAS DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR OWN  
9 WELL-BEING. YOU HAD PEOPLE WHO WERE MEDICATED WHO MAY HAVE  
10 NEEDED THE MEDICATION BUT IT WAS AGAINST THEIR WILL. SO WE  
11 HAVE SINCE THE ENDING OF THAT A MIXED BAG. IT HAS LED TO A  
12 WHOLE SERIES OF ISSUES, OF EVERYTHING FROM HOMELESSNESS THAT  
13 WE HAVE TO THE ISSUE THAT WE'RE FACING TODAY, IS INCARCERATION  
14 OF THE MENTALLY ILL. L.A. COUNTY IS UNDER WATCH BY THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON THE ISSUE OF HOW WE TREAT OUR  
16 MENTALLY ILL IN OUR JAILS, AND OBVIOUSLY IT IS NOT A GOOD  
17 REPORT. I THINK EVERYONE WILL AGREE THAT THESE PEOPLE SHOULD  
18 NOT BE INCARCERATED AT ALL. THE PROBLEM IS JUST MAKING THAT  
19 STATEMENT RAISES A WHOLE ISSUE OF COMPLEXITY OF WHAT WE NEED  
20 TO DO NEXT. AND THEN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DIVERSION, SOME PEOPLE  
21 THINK WELL THAT WILL END THE BUILDING OF JAILS. I WISH THAT  
22 WERE THE CASE. THAT IS NOT GOING TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. SECOND  
23 OF ALL, SO MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT DIVERSION IS GOING TO BE AN  
24 EASY ISSUE TO TACKLE BY CREATING AND THROWING MORE MONEY AT  
25 IT. THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE, EITHER. THERE'S NO DOUBT EVERY



1 SYSTEM NEEDS MORE MONEY, WHATEVER YOU LOOK AT THERE'S NEVER  
2 ENOUGH. BUT HOW IS IT THAT WE COMPREHENSIVELY APPROACH THIS  
3 ISSUE? WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE KIND OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND THE  
4 COMPLEXITY OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS, IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL,  
5 THEY HAVE TO BE WELL PLANNED AND WELL THOUGHT OUT. IF YOU  
6 WATCH THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL COURTS, THAT WAS A PILOT PROGRAM  
7 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IT TOOK A GROUP OF  
8 JUDGES AND THE C.C.J.C.C. OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS TO GO THROUGH  
9 ALL THE NUANCES OF HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A DRUG COURT. IT HAS  
10 HAD TREMENDOUS SUCCESS AT VARIOUS LEVELS. BUT IT ALSO HAS SOME  
11 ISSUES WHERE IT'S NOT WORKING FOR EVERYONE, BUT AT LEAST IT'S  
12 AN EFFORT THAT IS BEING MADE TO DIVERT MANY PEOPLE WHO AGAIN  
13 HAVE ISSUES OF ADDICTION OR OTHER KINDS OF PROBLEMS LIKE  
14 ALCOHOLISM AND HOPEFULLY KEEPING THEM OUT OF OUR JAIL AND  
15 FINDING A PATHWAY OUT. SO THOSE PROGRAMS ARE WORKING AND  
16 THEY'RE WORKING BECAUSE THEY'RE WELL THOUGHT OUT AND IT'S  
17 VERY, VERY CLEAR AND THE RESOURCES ARE DEDICATED TO IT. IN  
18 THIS AREA OF DIVERSION, ALL OF A SUDDEN WE ARE CONFRONTING  
19 THIS SITUATION BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT WILL TAKE AWAY  
20 FROM THE DOLLARS THAT WE NEED TO SPEND IN REBUILDING OUR JAIL.  
21 I DON'T THINK THAT IS THE CASE AT ALL. THE REALITY IS THERE'S  
22 GOING TO BE DIVERSION FOR PEOPLE BEFORE THEY END UP IN OUR  
23 JAILS. AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO WORK THAT THROUGH TRAINING  
24 IN OUR POLICE DEPARTMENTS, HOW TO TREAT THOSE PEOPLE, CREATING  
25 A MECHANISM, AS JACKIE LACEY TOLD US IN HER BRIEFING THE LAST



1 TIME, AS TO WHERE DO THE SHERIFF OR THE POLICE TAKE THESE  
2 INDIVIDUALS? THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THEM AND WAIT SEVEN TO  
3 EIGHT HOURS BEFORE THEY'RE ADMITTED, BECAUSE THAT KEEPS THEM  
4 AWAY FROM PROTECTING THE REST OF US IN MANY WAYS. SO THAT IS A  
5 USELESS APPROACH BUT IT COULD BE COMPLEMENTED BY CREATING A  
6 MECHANISM BY WHICH THEY ARE WELCOMED INTO THESE FACILITIES OR  
7 MORE EASILY DEALT WITH. IT'S AN ISSUE OF THE BUREAUCRACY,  
8 ADDING RESOURCES. I THINK WE NEED TO THINK THAT PART OUT. THE  
9 OTHER PART IS THE TRAINING THAT WE GO OUT THAT WE NEED IN LAW  
10 ENFORCEMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CREATED HAS BEEN A VERY  
11 EFFECTIVE PROGRAM BUT HAS FALLEN THROUGH THE CRACKS BECAUSE  
12 IT'S NOT AS EFFECTIVE NOW AND THAT'S OUR M.E.T. TEAMS. WHEN WE  
13 LOOK AT WHETHER IT'S EFFECTIVE OR NOT, WE KNOW THAT AT THIS  
14 TIME'S WELL FINANCED, WELL STAFFED, WHICH HASN'T BEEN THE CASE  
15 LATELY, YOU CAN HAVE A VERY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM, BECAUSE THEY  
16 ARE THE INTERVENTION OR THE INTERCEPT THAT WE NEED FOR WHEN  
17 PEOPLE CALL, WHEN THEIR CHILDREN ARE ACTING OUT, WHETHER  
18 THEY'RE 8-YEAR-OLDS OR WHETHER THEY'RE 48-YEAR-OLDS. THE  
19 PROBLEM IS SENDING OUT AN ELIGIBILITY WORKER FOR A M.E.T. TEAM  
20 IS NOT AN ANSWER WHICH IS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE JORGE CASE. SO  
21 OUR M.E.T. TEAMS HAVE TO BE WELL-FINANCED AND THAT'S AN ISSUE.  
22 I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS IN THIS LIST AND WHAT THE NEEDS ARE,  
23 BUT I KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT DOING A VERY GOOD JOB IN THAT  
24 REGARD. THE OTHER PART IS CREATING THE TRAINING THAT IS NEEDED  
25 BY ALL OF THESE OFFICERS AND THE KIND OF LEVEL OF TRAINING AND



1 WHO'S GOING TO DO IT AND HOW IT'S GOING TO BE DONE IN CREATING  
2 THAT MECHANISM. SO YOU CAN SEE THERE'S SO MANY RESOURCES. THAT  
3 IS EVEN BEFORE THEY CONFRONT OUR COURT SYSTEM. IT IS THE  
4 ARREST. IT IS THE TREATMENT. IT IS THE TRAINING. IT IS THE  
5 PROGRAMMING AND THAT'S NEEDED. NOW THEY COME TO THE D.A. THE  
6 D.A. HAS TO CREATE A MECHANISM AS TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO  
7 AN ANALYSIS OF THE DIFFERENT LEVELS, THE ASSESSMENT THAT NEEDS  
8 TO BE DONE TO THE LEVEL OF WHETHER THIS PERSON NEEDS TO BE  
9 PROSECUTED FOR WHATEVER CRIME THEY COMMITTED. THERE ARE  
10 VICTIMS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. AGAIN, WHETHER THEY  
11 STOLE A SLICE OF PIZZA, THAT'S A DETERMINATION THAT THE D.A.  
12 HAS TO MAKE, OR WHETHER THEY STAB SOMEBODY WITH A SCREWDRIVER  
13 ON A BUS. THOSE ARE ASSESSMENTS THAT NEED TO BE DONE THAT  
14 CANNOT BE DONE JUST FROM THE LEGAL POINT OF VIEW. THEY NEED TO  
15 BE DONE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND  
16 A LEGAL REVIEW. THAT HAS TO BE FUNDED, BECAUSE THAT ISN'T  
17 FUNDED TODAY. THEN WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT OPTIONS JUDGES  
18 HAVE. ONCE JUDGES RECEIVE ALL THIS INFORMATION OF THE LEVEL OF  
19 ACUITY OF SOMEBODY WITH MENTAL HEALTH, WHAT KIND OF RESOURCES  
20 DO THE JUDGES HAVE? I DON'T THINK THE JUDGES NECESSARILY WANT  
21 TO SENTENCE EVERYONE TO JAIL. BUT THERE AREN'T MANY OPTIONS  
22 AVAILABLE. BECAUSE IN COURT YOU WILL FIND MANY VICTIMS THAT  
23 ARE THERE THAT WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE HEALTH STATUS OF  
24 THE CRIMINALS, THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WISH TO SEE THIS  
25 PERSON KEPT AWAY FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND INCARCERATED AT SOME



1 LEVEL. SO THOSE JUDGES CREATING THAT BALANCING ACT ARE GOING  
2 TO NEED THE RESOURCES TO MAKE ASSURANCES TO THOSE VICTIMS OF  
3 CRIME THAT THERE IS SOME LEVEL OF PENALTY OR SOMETHING THAT IS  
4 DONE. BUT THE BIGGEST ISSUE OF ALL IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE  
5 THIS HAPPEN. IT IS INTERESTING, LISTENING TO THE PARENTS THAT  
6 HAVE COME UP HERE, I THINK THAT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING AND  
7 COPING WITH AND SUFFERING FROM IS A VERY, VERY REAL PROBLEM.  
8 THE ISSUE IS: THERE ARE MANY WHO-- AND AGAIN, IT COULD BE  
9 ARGUED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER THAT THERE IS TREATMENT THAT IS  
10 NECESSARY WHICH IS ONE WAY. THERE IS MEDICATION THAT IS  
11 NECESSARY, AS WELL. MOST PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO TAKE  
12 MEDICATION, THAT NEED MEDICATION. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE  
13 LARGEST PROBLEMS. AND IT'S INTERESTING THAT THE A.C.L.U. IS  
14 HERE TALKING ABOUT IT BECAUSE I'M HAVING A TREMENDOUS PROBLEM  
15 RIGHT NOW WITH MANY JUVENILES WHO COULD MAKE A DETERMINATION  
16 AT THE AGE OF 12 AND 13 YEARS OF AGE ABOUT WHETHER THEY CAN  
17 TAKE THEIR MEDICATION OR NOT AND YET WE HAVE MANY DOCTORS  
18 SAYING THAT IT IS PROBABLY A BETTER PATHWAY, SO CONSEQUENTLY  
19 WE END UP INCARCERATING MANY OF THESE JUVENILES WHO WOULD BE  
20 BETTER OFF WITH TREATMENT OR MEDICATION BUT BECAUSE THEY MAKE  
21 THEIR OWN DECISIONS AT THAT POINT IN TIME, THEY CAN DETERMINE  
22 WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE THE MEDICATION OR NOT. SO  
23 CONSEQUENTLY WHEN THEY ACT OUT, WE FIND THEM AND HAVING TO PUT  
24 THEM IN OUR JUVENILE CAMPS OR SO ON. SO THERE'S MANY WAYS TO  
25 LOOK AT DIVERSION, AND MANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK



1 AT RESOURCES, AS WELL. AT THE END OF THE DAY ONCE YOU START  
2 INVESTING IN THESE KINDS OF SERVICES, THERE REALLY ISN'T ANY  
3 FINANCIAL SAVINGS, BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THERE'S NO DOUBT  
4 THAT JAILS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE THAN MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.  
5 BUT I DOUBT THEY WERE GOING TO FIND THE KIND OF SAVINGS THAT  
6 WE NEED IN THAT, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BUILD THAT JAIL AND  
7 ALSO LOOK FOR THE TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN OUR JAILS.  
8 BUT I THINK THAT AGAIN WHEN YOU TREAT THEM OUTSIDE OF THE  
9 SYSTEM, WE NEED A SUPPLEMENTARY SET OF LAWS THAT ARE GOING TO  
10 HELP US ALONG THE WAY. I THINK AS OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY LOOK  
11 AT THIS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER SHE HAS BEEN APPROACHING  
12 IT, THERE ARE GOING TO BE QUITE A FEW ISSUES THAT SHE'S GOING  
13 TO HAVE TO ADDRESS. BUT I THINK THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ONE IS A  
14 SET OF PLANNING TOOLS THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED AS A COUNTY.  
15 THROWING MONEY AT IT, SETTING ASIDE MONEY, DOING ALL OF THOSE  
16 THINGS MIGHT BE ONE APPROACH. BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S THE BEST  
17 APPROACH WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE PLANNING. I HOPE THAT JACKIE  
18 LACEY'S REPORT WILL BE AS COMPREHENSIVE AS I HOPE THAT IT WILL  
19 BE. BUT ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT THEY'RE LOOKING AT IS THE  
20 GAINES PROJECT THAT I GUESS IS THE FOREMOST NATIONAL MODEL OF  
21 DIVERSION AVAILABLE. AND IF YOU LOOK-- AND I WILL PASS OUT  
22 FROM THEIR REPORT, WHICH IS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE ON THESE ITEMS,  
23 I'LL PASS IT OUT AND PUT IT TOGETHER IN ONE PAGE, ABOUT WHAT  
24 WE CAN DO. IT IS A LONG PAGE. IT IS A PAGE OF ITEMS. AND  
25 BASICALLY IT TALKS ABOUT PLANNING, ABOUT THE THINGS YOU NEED





1 TO DO IN PREPARATION FOR, HOW YOU NEED TO KEEP IT SIMPLE, AND  
2 HOW THERE ARE CLEAR THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE, INCLUDING  
3 LEADERSHIP. SO I WOULD SAY THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE. WE  
4 COULD MAKE THIS A MOTION AND START THIS IN PROCESS. IT SHOULD  
5 BE DONE. I THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE A TASKFORCE THAT SHOULD  
6 BE DEVELOPED RIGHT AWAY. BECAUSE OUR RESOURCES THAT WE'RE  
7 GOING TO HAVE TO FIND-- I'LL PASS IT OUT. PASS IT OUT? THERE  
8 ARE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN FIND WITHIN ALL OF OUR DEPARTMENTS  
9 THAT CAN FOCUS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS. THAT DOESN'T MEAN  
10 THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
11 SUPPLEMENT IT. BECAUSE AS WE ARE DOING WITH HOPEFULLY WITH  
12 CHILDREN'S SERVICES, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND IS THAT YOU HAVE  
13 ALL OF THESE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS  
14 AREA: HOUSING AND THE HOMELESS ISSUES; MENTAL HEALTH AND ALL  
15 THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT; PUBLIC HEALTH AND ALL OF THE  
16 ISSUES THEY HAVE FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS TO ALL OF THE OTHER  
17 BEDS THEY HAVE; OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT; OUR SOCIAL SERVICES  
18 DEPARTMENT; THE LITANY OF THEM IS HUGE. THEY ALL OPERATE IN  
19 SILOS. THEY DON'T TALK TO ONE ANOTHER. THEY DON'T COORDINATE  
20 THEIR SERVICES, UNFORTUNATELY. AND SO, CONSEQUENTLY, THERE'S A  
21 LOT OF DUPLICATION OF SERVICES. THERE ARE A LOT OF RESOURCES  
22 THAT GO MAYBE NOT UTILIZED WELL AS THEY SHOULD BE. AND THERE  
23 ARE PEOPLE WHO GET THE SAME SERVICE FROM EVERY SINGLE ONE OF  
24 THESE DEPARTMENTS. THERE'S A LOT OF DUPLICATION THAT GOES ON.  
25 SO I THINK, YES, \$20 MILLION IS ONLY A DOWN PAYMENT. WE HAVE A



1 LOT MORE MILLIONS THAT WE HAVE TO PUT INTO THIS PLAN. THE  
2 PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. AND SO  
3 CONSEQUENTLY, I THINK THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH OPPORTUNITY AND  
4 ENOUGH TIME THAT WE CAN LOOK THROUGH THE REGULAR BUDGETING  
5 PROCESS THAT WE DO IN SEPTEMBER. THAT'S WHEN WE WILL RECONCILE  
6 OUR BUDGET, LOOK AT OUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOW WE WILL MOVE  
7 FORWARD THE KINDS OF DOLLARS AND MAYBE EXPLORE OF MORE THAN  
8 \$20 MILLION. BUT I THINK IN THE MEANTIME, I AM NOT SOMEONE WHO  
9 WANTS TO SAY NO TO \$20 MILLION, BUT I'M ALSO NOT GOING TO SAY  
10 YES, PRETENDING THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING IN PLACE. MISLEADING  
11 MANY OF THE PARENTS HERE TODAY THINKING THAT \$20 MILLION WILL  
12 BECOME AVAILABLE TO THEM IN THE NEXT WEEK, IN THE NEXT MONTH  
13 OR IN THE NEXT YEAR WOULD NOT BE TRUE. WE NEED A PLAN THAT  
14 HELPS US DO ALL OF THESE THINGS COLLECTIVELY AND TOGETHER.  
15 MARV, YOU SHOULD BE THE LEADER OF THAT. OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE NOT.  
16 I THINK THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE-- AND I REALLY RESPECT THE  
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS TAKING ON THE LEAD TO DO THAT. WE SHOULD  
18 LOOK FORWARD TO HER REPORT. WE SHOULD LOOK AT A P.F.U. THAT WE  
19 MIGHT HAVE WHERE WE COULD SET ASIDE THE MONEY TO LOOK AT ALL  
20 OF IT. BUT IT'S GOING TO BE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT, MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, ALL OF  
22 THESE AREAS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. AND MAYBE WE  
23 DO NEED A CZAR IN THIS AREA, AS WE SAID BEFORE, TO FORCE MANY  
24 OF THESE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO THINK DIFFERENTLY AND TO THINK, I  
25 DON'T KNOW, CREATIVELY I GUESS IS ANOTHER WORD. ABOUT HOW TO



1 ATTACK THESE ISSUES IN A COLLECTIVE SENSE INSTEAD OF ISOLATION  
2 OF THEIR OWN DEPARTMENT AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HOW THEY  
3 GET THE FUNDS TODAY. AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE  
4 LEGISLATURE, AS WELL, TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY AS TO HOW WE  
5 CAN GET LAWS THAT ARE GOING TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND AS TO HOW  
6 WE NEED TO TREAT PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE THAT PROBABLY ARE  
7 GOING TO HAVE TO BE FORCED TO TAKE MEDICATION OR TO DEAL WITH  
8 TREATMENT. THAT'S WHY LAURA'S LAW AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION HERE  
9 IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL, AS WELL. WE CAN'T DO IT FOR EVERYONE  
10 AND IT'S NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL. IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE A  
11 VERY UNIQUE KIND OF TREATMENT APPROACH AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING  
12 TO HANDLE IT. BUT I THINK WHEN WE TALK ABOUT LAURA'S LAW,  
13 WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT SAFETY FOR OUR COMMUNITY. MANY OF  
14 THESE PARENTS KNOW THEIR CHILDREN. THEY LOVE THEM DEARLY. THEY  
15 DEAL WITH THEIR ISSUES EVERY SINGLE DAY. BUT WHO WOULD HAVE  
16 THOUGHT THAT SOMEONE WHO WAS SO LOVED, SOMEONE SO CARED FOR  
17 WOULD ONE DAY TAKE A GUN AND KILL BOTH OF HIS PARENTS, WHO DID  
18 ALL THEY COULD TO TRY AND HELP HIM, SAVE HIM. THERE IS OF WE  
19 NEED TO DO IN THIS AREA. OF THAT NEEDS TO BE EXPLORED. BUT WE  
20 WOULD BE MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE BY JUST THROWING MONEY AT IT  
21 AND SAYING: " LOOK AT US. AREN'T WE GREAT AT DIVERSION?" WE  
22 NEED TO BE THOUGHTFUL. WE NEED TO PLAN. THIS PARTICULAR  
23 OUTLINE THAT IS HERE COULD BE A MOTION TODAY OF THE STEPS WE  
24 NEED TO TAKE. I WOULD INTRODUCE IT RIGHT NOW, BUT I THINK WE  
25 SHOULD WAIT AND RESPECT JACKIE LACEY'S REPORT. HOPEFULLY WHAT



1 SHE WILL DO IS TELL US EXACTLY THESE KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE  
2 NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON AND WE NEED TO ASSESS AND GET THE  
3 C.A.O. TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF WHERE DO WE GET THE MONEY FROM?  
4 AND HOW WE PUT THIS TOGETHER. BECAUSE IT'S A PLAN THAT COULD  
5 SUCCEED. AGAIN, IT WILL NOT AVOID US BUILDING THE KIND OF JAIL  
6 THAT WE NEED WITH MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES AND  
7 PROGRAMS. IT'S NOT GOING TO AVOID BEING THE CURE-ALL FOR EVERY  
8 SINGLE PARENT THAT THINKS WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE THEIR CHILD.  
9 THAT IS AN ASSESSMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BETWEEN THE  
10 PARENT, AGAIN, THE MENTAL HEALTH INDIVIDUAL, AS WELL AS THEIR  
11 PHYSICIANS OR PSYCHIATRISTS. THOSE ARE MANY ISSUES THAT NEED  
12 TO BE RESOLVED HERE. SO I DON'T THINK THIS IS READY FOR PRIME  
13 TIME. I REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED TO DO AN AWFUL LOT OF  
14 PLANNING. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE \$20 MILLION. BUT I DO  
15 THINK IT HAS TO GO THROUGH THE REGULAR BUDGETING PROCESS  
16 BECAUSE IT ISN'T JUST GETTING MONEY OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND,  
17 BUT LOOKING AT DEPARTMENTS THAT DON'T SERVE US WELL WHEN IT  
18 COMES TO THESE ISSUES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE KATIE A. ISSUE AT  
19 CHILDREN ALONE, THAT IS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.  
20 WE'RE UNDER A COURT ORDER BECAUSE WE'RE NOT PROVIDING THEM FOR  
21 SOMETHING WE MUST DO THAT IS MANDATED TO BE DONE. SO THROWING  
22 MORE MONEY IS NOT THE ANSWER. COORDINATION, PLANNING,  
23 EFFECTIVE MONITORING UTILIZATION AND BEING ON TOP OF IT IS  
24 WHAT WE NEED TO DO. SO I'M PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS IN  
25 SEPTEMBER. I'M PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD WHEN OUR DISTRICT



1 ATTORNEY PRESENTS THIS REPORT. I'M PREPARED TO INTRODUCE THIS  
2 AS A MOTION OF HOW TO GET THERE. BUT THROWING \$20 MILLION AND  
3 SAYING, 'GO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT WITH \$20 MILLION' IS NOT  
4 MY ANSWER. SO I'M NOT PREPARED TO SUPPORT IT AT THIS POINT IN  
5 TIME. I WOULD RECOMMEND-- AND I THINK YOUR MOTION DOES THAT--  
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SENDS IT TO THE SEPTEMBER?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU'RE AGREEING TO MOVE IT TO  
9 SEPTEMBER, CORRECT? RIGHT. WITH THAT DIRECTION. RIGHT. I  
10 TOTALLY CONCUR WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENTS. SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL BE VERY BRIEF. I  
14 SAID ALL I WANTED TO SAY ABOUT DIVERSION LAST TIME, SEVERAL  
15 WEEKS AGO WHEN WE HAD THIS, I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT THAT. I DO  
16 THINK THAT THE ISSUE BEFORE US NOW IS TO GET A PLAN TOGETHER,  
17 AS GLORIA SAID. I REMEMBER THE HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE  
18 THAT WE DID ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS AGO AND WE DIDN'T HAVE  
19 A PLAN, WE JUST SET ASIDE AND THAT TIME I THINK IT WAS, 100,  
20 \$120 MILLION AND IT REALLY WAS NOT SATISFACTORY OVER TIME  
21 BECAUSE WE REALLY HAD NO PLAN, NO OBJECTIVE AND NO CRITERIA.  
22 IT WAS KIND OF HELTER-SKELTER AND THE FUNDING IN THIS  
23 PARTICULAR CASE SHOULD FOLLOW THE PLAN, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.  
24 AND THE PLAN NEEDS TO BE INTEGRATED. OBVIOUSLY THE DISTRICT  
25 ATTORNEY HAS TAKEN THE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THIS BUT SHE'S ALSO



1 BROUGHT IN ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SO  
2 THAT YOU HAVE A WALL-TO-WALL COALITION OF PEOPLE WHO TOIL IN  
3 THESE VINEYARDS WHO CAN HELP DEVELOP A PLAN AND A ROAD MAP  
4 WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE TO FUND ENTIRELY, I DOUBT IT. OR WE'LL BE  
5 ABLE TO FUND IN PART. MY PREFERENCE WOULD BE THAT WE FUND IT  
6 TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT GENERAL FUND MONIES, TO THE  
7 EXTENT POSSIBLE. AND THEN IF WE HAVE TO, DEPENDING UPON WHAT  
8 THE OBJECTIVE IS, WE CAN SUPPLEMENT IT WITH GENERAL FUND  
9 MONIES. I THINK WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT M.H.S.A. MONEY  
10 BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER-- I THINK GLORIA WAS MAKING REFERENCE  
11 TO THIS A MINUTE AGO-- THERE ARE OTHER NEEDS FOR THAT MONEY  
12 THAT ARE EQUALLY AS COMPELLING AS THIS PROJECT. AND THAT IS  
13 MENTALLY ILL KIDS THAT ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY SERVED BY OUR  
14 SYSTEM. SO I JUST THINK WE NEED TO SEE THE ENTIRE PICTURE ON  
15 FUNDING. BUT THAT NEEDS TO FOLLOW A ROAD MAP. WE NEED TO HAVE  
16 A ROAD MAP. AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF  
17 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL OF US, WE  
18 CAN DEVELOP SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AT LEAST GET A DOWN PAYMENT  
19 ON THE PLAN BY SEPTEMBER AND MAYBE HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE CAN  
20 AT LEAST GET STARTED ON AND START FUNDING. I MEAN, THERE'S A  
21 LOT GOING ON. THE DIVERSION WAS NOT BORN YESTERDAY. THEIR  
22 DIVERSION PROGRAMS, WE HAVE A HOMELESS COURT IN SANTA MONICA  
23 THAT'S BEEN OPERATING FOR HOW LONG? 7 OR 8 YEARS? YEAH, ALMOST  
24 A DECADE. DOING EXTREMELY WELL. DRUG COURTS. MIKE TYNAN'S DRUG  
25 COURT IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED. AND THERE ARE OTHERS. THIS IS



1 A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FROM A CRIMINAL JUSTICE POINT OF VIEW.  
2 BUT I THINK IT'S WORTH A TRY. WE'RE GOING TO UNDERTAKE A PILOT  
3 PROGRAM THAT I'M FUNDING OUT OF MY OWN DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. AT  
4 THE VAN NUYS COURT. IT'S SMALL, IT'S 50 PEOPLE. WE'LL SEE IF  
5 WE CAN PULL IT OFF. IT'S A GOOD PILOT. IT'S NOT BY ANY MEANS--  
6 IT DOESN'T SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF THE NEED, BUT IT MAY GIVE US  
7 A TEMPLATE OF THE WAY YOU SCALE IT UP. MAYBE, MAYBE NOT. I'M  
8 PREPARED TO TAKE THAT RISK. HOUSING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF  
9 THIS. HOW WE PAY FOR THE HOUSING IS GOING TO BE A CRITICAL  
10 ELEMENT. TO DO ALL OF THIS STUFF BUT NOT HOUSE THOSE WHO ARE  
11 MENTALLY ILL, NOT TO MENTION PROVIDE THE SERVICES, BUT THE  
12 HOUSING IS CRITICAL. IF YOU DON'T HOUSE THEM, YOU'RE NOT GOING  
13 TO BE ABLE TO GET ADEQUATE SUSTAINED SERVICES FOR THESE  
14 INDIVIDUALS. AND OF COURSE WE DON'T HAVE UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF  
15 HOUSING OR HOUSING VOUCHERS. SO THIS IS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE  
16 WHERE WE MAY HAVE TO GO TO OUR PARTNERS IN WASHINGTON AND  
17 MAYBE WORKING WITH THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHO  
18 HAS TAKEN AN INTEREST IN HOMELESS ISSUES GENERALLY AND MAYBE  
19 ON THIS ONE WE CAN INTEREST HIM IN PARTICULAR AND TRY TO  
20 LEVERAGE MORE HOUSING VOUCHERS THAT COULD HELP US IMPLEMENT A  
21 PLAN. BUT THE KEY HERE, IT'S A MISTAKE-- I WOULDN'T CALL IT A  
22 MISTAKE-- IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT THAT WE MADE, THE HOMELESS  
23 PREVENTION INITIATIVE, AND I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT AS  
24 MUCH AS ANYBODY, IS NOT HAVING A PLAN. WE WERE SO EXCITED TO  
25 HAVE THE MONEY TO SET ASIDE, WE FORGOT TO DEVELOP A PLAN. AND



1 SO WE SHOULDN'T MAKE THAT MISTAKE A SECOND TIME. AND IT MAY  
2 VERY WELL BE THAT IT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN 20 MILLION  
3 THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO AMALGAMATE FOR A PROGRAM LIKE THIS.  
4 THE OTHER THING IS WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT ALL IN ONE FELL  
5 SWOOP. THERE'S NO SILVER BULLET IN THIS BUSINESS. IT'S ONE  
6 STEP FORWARD, SOMETIMES TWO STEPS BACK. AND THEN YOU JUST KEEP  
7 PLUGGING ALONG. BUT I'M ENCOURAGED THAT THERE'S BEEN AS MUCH F  
8 DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR KIND OF DIVERSION PROGRAM IN  
9 THE LAST FEW WEEKS AS THERE'S BEEN IN ALL THE TIME THAT I'VE  
10 BEEN HERE. AND THAT'S GOOD. AND I DO THINK IT CAN HAVE AN  
11 IMPACT ON THE SIZE OF THE FACILITY THAT'S BEING DISCUSSED.  
12 IT'S GOING TO BE KIND OF AN INTERESTING RACE IN TIME. THE ONE  
13 THING WE DON'T WANT TO DO IS BUILD A FACILITY THAT IS BIGGER  
14 THAN IT HAS TO BE IF THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT CAN ACTUALLY WORK.  
15 I'M NOT SURE WE'RE GOING TO KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THOSE  
16 QUESTIONS BY SEPTEMBER 30TH OR WHATEVER THE DATE IS. AND WE  
17 MAY NOT KNOW IT FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS. BUT WE OUGHT TO MAKE  
18 SOME CALCULATED-- TAKE SOME CALCULATED RISKS IN THAT REGARD.  
19 AND I WANT TO JUST SAY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,  
20 YOU'VE BEEN BEATEN UP A LITTLE BIT LAST TIME. NO DEPARTMENT IS  
21 PERFECT. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU, MARV, AND YOUR DEPARTMENT  
22 FOR THE COOPERATION YOU HAVE OFFERED TO US ON PROJECTS, ON  
23 INNOVATIVE PROJECTS, THAT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT  
24 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE  
25 A FULL APPRECIATION OF WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING. I COULD LIST MY





1 COMPLAINTS ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT, TOO. BUT I'D LIKE TO  
2 ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE. AND THIS COUNTY WOULDN'T BE DOING A  
3 FRACTION OF WHAT IT'S DOING ON HOMELESSNESS WITHOUT YOU,  
4 WITHOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT AND M.H.S.A. MONEY THAT HAS PROVIDED  
5 THE HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO THOSE CLIENTS OF  
6 OURS, AND WE CAN ALL DO BETTER. BUT I WOULDN'T HANG YOU IN  
7 EFFIGY QUITE YET. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. THAT'S ALL  
8 I HAVE TO SAY.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK THIS HAS BEEN A USEFUL, PRODUCTIVE  
15 DISCUSSION. I'VE HEARD SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING  
16 YOURSELF, MR. CHAIRMAN, INDICATE THAT IT'S NOT A RETREAT FROM  
17 THE COMMITMENT FOR THE MORE THAN \$20 MILLION. IT COULD WELL BE  
18 MORE THAN THAT, PURSUANT TO FURTHER ANALYSIS. AND I UNDERSTAND  
19 THAT AND AM IMPRESSED BY THE STATED COMMITMENT. THE THRUST OF  
20 THE MOTION WAS ESSENTIALLY TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND MOVE  
21 THAT \$20 MILLION INTO OUR BUDGET PROCESSES. THERE APPEARS TO  
22 BE SUFFICIENT UNREADINESS TO DO THAT PIECE OF THE MOTION, SO I  
23 AM SIMPLY INTERESTED IN BIFURCATION IF IT SHOULD BE NECESSARY.  
24 BUT TWO THINGS BEFORE DOING SO, MR. CHAIRMAN. ONE, TO ACCEPT  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION WITH THE



1 EXCEPTION OF A NUMBER 1, WHICH IS DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO MOVE  
2 THE 20 MILLION. WE CAN CONTINUE THAT. AND THE BALANCE OF IT IS  
3 ESSENTIALLY TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE REPORT BACKS ON THE 90-DAY  
4 PERIOD CONSISTENT WITH THE D.A.'S REPORT. I WOULD ADD TO THAT  
5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S SUGGESTION THAT AS LONG AS WE'RE LOOKING  
6 AT THINGS CAREFULLY, THESE SIX FACTORS FOR SUCCESS BE INCLUDED  
7 IN THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING THAT WHICH IS TO COME BACK. I  
8 HAVE NO RESISTANCE TO THAT. THIS WILL MAKE IT MORE THOROUGH.  
9 IT WILL MAKE IT MORE COMPREHENSIVE. AND I'M CERTAINLY WILLING  
10 TO ACCEPT THAT AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING MOTION SHOULD  
11 THAT BE THE DESIRE TO LOOK AT ALL THAT WHICH HAS COME BEFORE  
12 US. AND SO BY SUMMARY, MR. CHAIRMAN, CONTINUE THE BALANCE OF--  
13 ADOPT THE MOTION IN TERMS OF THE AMENDMENT, THE ALLOCATION OF  
14 THE 20 MILLION, KNOWING THAT IT COULD BE MORE, WE WOULD  
15 SUSPEND WITH AND MOVE WITH THE REST OF THE MOTION, AND I WOULD  
16 SO MOVE.

17  
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR IS TO  
19 CONTINUE THE ITEM UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH WITH SUPERVISOR  
20 ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT. AND THEN THAT WOULD INCLUDE YOUR  
21 RECOMMENDATION TO INCLUDE SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S RECOMMENDATION.

22  
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE CONTINUANCE, THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE  
24 COULDN'T BEGIN TO LOOK AT THESE REPORT-BACK ITEMS, MR.  
25 CHAIRMAN, IN TERMS OF 90 DAYS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WORKFORCE



1 FUNDS IS ONE THING. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES  
2 COMPORTING WITH PRIORITIZATION OF P.I. DOLLARS, ALL THAT COULD  
3 HAPPEN IN THE WORK OF THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THE ALLOCATION  
4 OF THE RESOURCES IS THE BIG TICKET ITEM THAT I THINK PEOPLE  
5 WERE CONCERNED ABOUT. I WOULD CERTAINLY HOPE MINIMALLY WE  
6 COULD MOVE THE BALANCE OF THE THINGS WHERE THE WORK CAN BEGIN  
7 IN COORDINATION WITH THAT WHICH IS BEING DONE BY THE D.A.'S  
8 TASKFORCE.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT REPORT BACK YET,  
11 WE DON'T HAVE THE D.A.'S TASKFORCE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE DON'T. BUT THE THINGS THAT ARE BEING  
14 SUGGESTED HERE COULD VERY EASILY COMPLEMENT THAT AND BEGIN THE  
15 EFFORT OF COLLABORATION. THE D.A.'S TASKFORCE IS NOT DOING ALL  
16 THIS IN ISOLATION. THIS SPELLS OUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT  
17 COULD BE CONSIDERED, AS WELL.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST TO SYNTHESIZE, COULD WE JUST HAVE THE  
20 REPORT BACK ON THE REMAINDER OF YOUR MOTION OTHER THAN THE  
21 FINANCING PIECE, ACTUALLY COME BACK AT THE SAME TIME, BUT TO  
22 BRING IT BACK IN THE CONTEXT OF THE D.A.'S TASKFORCE REPORT?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S 60 DAYS OR LESS.

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3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I GAVE 90.

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK 90 IS PROBABLY WELL BECAUSE AT  
6    SOME POINT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO INTERACT WITH THAT REPORT.  
7    SO GET THE REPORT BACK WITH 60, IT COULD BE 90. LEAVE IT AT 90  
8    DAYS FOR THE REPORT BACK.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO REPORT BACK. NOT AGREEING TO ANYTHING.

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12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE FUNDING PIECE WILL BE CONTINUED TO  
13   SEPTEMBER 30TH.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WILL BE A TWO-STEP PROCESS. AND I THINK  
18   WE CAN APPROPRIATELY EMBRACE IT AND CALL IT PROGRESS. INCLUDE  
19   THE GAINES REPORT MATTERS THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED TO OUR  
20   ATTENTION TODAY, AS WELL. I SO MOVE, MR. CHAIR.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ADD ONE THING TO YOUR ORIGINAL  
23   MOTION? AND THAT IS THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT BE A PART OF  
24   THIS?

25



1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I ACCEPT THAT.

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3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS. THANK YOU.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** UH-HUH.

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7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EVERYBODY GOT THAT? WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
8    SO ORDERED.

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IF THERE'S ANY CLARIFICATION  
13   AND SEE ME, NOT MARK. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT. SO WE HAVE PUBLIC  
14   COMMENT? ALL RIGHT.

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND  
19   YOUR COMMENTS. WE APPRECIATE THAT. AS THESE REPORTS COME BACK,  
20   OBVIOUSLY YOU'LL BE MADE AWARE OF THAT, AS WELL.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE AN ADDITIONAL ADJOURNING MOTION I  
23   WAS JUST ADVISED OF?

24

25   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.



1  
2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
3 HELEN STANSBURY.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SECOND THAT. YEAH I KNOW HER.

6  
7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE WIFE OF THE FORMER MAYOR OF BEVERLY  
8 HILLS BEN STANSBURY WHO PREDECEASED HER. SHE PASSED AWAY LAST  
9 NIGHT OR YESTERDAY IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, WHERE SHE'S BEEN  
10 LIVING FOR SOME TIME. HELEN WAS AN ACTIVIST IN THE BEVERLY  
11 HILLS COMMUNITY IN CHARITIES AND ISSUES AND AN ALL-AROUND NICE  
12 WOMAN AND FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY. SO I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
13 HER MEMORY.

14  
15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. JUST A COMMENT. I'M  
16 GOING TO CALL ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I THINK SHE HAS AN  
17 ADDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT. BUT I JUST GOT WORD THAT OUR CURRENT  
18 LIFEGUARD THAT WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING IS NOW TALKING AND  
19 MAKING A VERY GOOD RECOVERY AND DOING BETTER. SO THAT'S GOOD  
20 NEWS.

21  
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT IS GOOD NEWS.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HAD AN  
25 ADJOURNMENT?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NOT AN ADJOURNMENT. IT SAYS I HAVE AN  
3 EMERGENCY MOTION OF AN ITEM THAT I HAVE TO READ IN TODAY.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

6  
7 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO COUNTY  
8 COUNSEL, WHO IS GOING TO HELP US WITH IT. THE REGIONAL  
9 PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
10 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AT THE PROPOSED C.V.S.  
11 PHARMACY AT 3601 CAESAR CHAVEZ IN EAST L.A. THE C.U.P. CASE  
12 NUMBER IS 2013-00133. THIS REQUEST GENERATES SOME CONTROVERSY  
13 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. WE HOPE TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE ISSUES  
14 WITH C.V.S. AND TODAY I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THEM ATTEMPTING  
15 TO DO SO. HOWEVER, THE LETTER DID NOT ADDRESS ALL OF MY  
16 CONCERNS. THEREFORE, THE INABILITY TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM  
17 CAME TO MY ATTENTION AFTER TODAY'S AGENDA WAS POSTED. ACTION  
18 IS NEEDED PRIOR TO THE NEXT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING. I  
19 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE COMMISSION'S DECISION BE CALLED UP FOR  
20 REVIEW BY THE BOARD AT A FUTURE DATE.

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22 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** SO MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE  
23 APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO FIND THAT THERE IS A NEED TO TAKE  
24 IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THAT AROSE SINCE THE PRINTING OF THE  
25 PUBLIC AGENDA.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE CHAIR  
3 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP, KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN WE MOVE ON. DO WE HAVE TO DO A STEP  
8 TWO HERE? MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. CHAIR WILL SECOND.  
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. PUBLIC COMMENT? WE  
10 GOT LANCASTER. WE HAVE PATRICIA SOPIZIO AND STEVE PETSHOLD? IF  
11 WE CAN HAVE THEM, PLEASE?

12  
13 **PATRICIA SOPIZIO:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I HAD  
14 HOPED TO ADDRESS AGENDA ITEM 43, BUT DUE TO DIFFICULTIES HERE  
15 IN THE LANCASTER REMOTE ACCESS, WE MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
16 FILL OUT SPEAKER TIME CARDS BEFORE YOU MADE THAT DECISION.  
17 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THIS MORNING, YOU VOTED TO CONSOLIDATE  
18 SANTA CLARITA'S ORDINANCE 1402, THE METRO BILLBOARD PROJECT IN  
19 THE GENERAL ELECTION WHICH HAS PUT THE PEOPLE OF SANTA CLARITA  
20 NOW IN THE POSITION OF FACING A CAMPAIGN FUNDED BY A METRO  
21 CONTRACTOR, ALL VISION, AND ITS P.A.C. CITIZENS FOR BILLBOARD  
22 REDUCTION IN SANTA CLARITA. ALL VISION COMMITTED ELECTION CODE  
23 VIOLATIONS. THEY ADMITTED TO THE METRO INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT  
24 THEY HIRED BLOCKERS TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM SIGNING THE  
25 REFERENDUM PETITION. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE MANY CONFLICTS OF





1 INTEREST INHERENT IN THE METRO SANTA CLARITA BILLBOARD DEAL.  
2 FIRST, THAT YOU SUPERVISORS ARE MEMBERS OF THE METRO BOARD.  
3 AND METRO WILL RECEIVE REVENUE FROM THIS PROJECT. SECOND,  
4 METRO HAS NOT APPROVED THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WHICH WAS  
5 JUST MOVED FORWARD TO THE ELECTION. THIRD, ALL VISION'S SOLE  
6 LOBBYIST ON THE PROJECT, ARTHUR SOHEKIAN IS AN APPOINTEE TO  
7 THE NORTH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COALITION. MR. SOHEKIAN HAS A  
8 FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. IT'S BEEN REVEALED THAT ALL  
9 VISION SUBMITTED FRAUDULENT INFORMATION TO CALTRANS ON THE  
10 ORIGINAL PROJECT APPLICATION. I DON'T THINK THE CITY-- THE  
11 COUNTY SHOULD BE DOING BUSINESS WITH A COMPANY SUCH AS ALL  
12 VISION. ADDITIONALLY, METRO HAS NOT WEIGHED IN ON THIS PROJECT  
13 BEFORE IT GOES TO ELECTION. METRO HAS NOT WEIGHED IN ON THE  
14 FINDINGS OF THE METRO INSPECTOR GENERAL'S INVESTIGATION IN THE  
15 IRREGULARITIES OF THIS PROJECT. I URGE YOU, HONORABLE  
16 SUPERVISORS, IN YOUR ROLE AS METRO DIRECTORS TO MOVE FORWARD  
17 THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE SANTA CLARITA BILLBOARDS AND MAKE A  
18 DECISION YEA OR NAY SO THAT SANTA CLARITA DOES NOT HOLD AN  
19 ELECTION ON A PROJECT THAT MAY NOT AND SHOULD NOT EVER HAPPEN.  
20 THANK YOU.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YEAH. THE NEXT IS MR.  
23 PETSHOLD? LANCASTER? STEVE?



1   **STEVE PETSHOLD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND YOU DID  
2   PRONOUNCE MY NAME CORRECTLY. I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT I DIDN'T  
3   GET TO ADDRESS AGENDA 43 WITH MY FRIEND HERE, PATTI SOLPIZIO.  
4   WHEN WE ARRIVED AT LANCASTER, ALL THE DOORS WERE LOCKED AND WE  
5   WERE NOT ABLE TO GET ACCESS UNTIL AFTER YOU HAD PASSED THE  
6   ITEM AS A CONSENT ITEM. BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT  
7   THAT YOU DID APPROVE THIS AS PART OF THE GENERAL ELECTION. YOU  
8   DID NOT HAVE TO DO THAT. MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA  
9   CLARITA ARE OPPOSED TO THIS BECAUSE METRO IS A PART OF THE  
10   DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT THAT WAS AGREED TO. BECAUSE THESE BOARDS  
11   ARE LEGAL NONCONFORMING AND THE FACT THAT METRO DOES NOT  
12   CONTROL BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY, MANY OF US  
13   FEEL THAT THE WORST DEAL POSSIBLE FOR THE CITY WAS THE ONE  
14   THAT THEY CUT WITH METRO. INSTEAD OF PUTTING THE COSTS AND  
15   EXPENSE OF THIS ELECTION UPON THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, YOU  
16   COULD HAVE DEFERRED AND ALLOWED THIS TO HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL  
17   ELECTION NOT CONSOLIDATED WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION OF  
18   NOVEMBER 4, 2014. THIS WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE CITY OF SANTA  
19   CLARITA MORE TIME TO RECONSIDER AND POSSIBLY RESCIND THE  
20   DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. IT IS AMAZING THAT METRO DID NOT FEEL  
21   THE NEED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEETING WHERE THE  
22   CITY COUNCIL COULD RECONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AFTER  
23   THE REFERENDUM WAS PASSED. THE CITY COULD HAVE AVOIDED THE  
24   EXPENSE OF AN ELECTION ALTOGETHER BY DEFERRING THE  
25   CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT UNTIL THE NEXT



1 MUNICIPAL ELECTION. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT METRO WILL CONSIDER  
2 THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE CITY IN ORDINANCE  
3 1402 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION DATE OF NOVEMBER 4TH. THE CITY OF  
4 SANTA CLARITA DESERVES TO KNOW WHERE METRO STANDS ON THIS  
5 AGREEMENT AND TO HEAR ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL VISION IN  
6 THE ACTIVITIES LEADING UP TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION. I THANK ALL  
7 OF YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY COMMENTS TODAY. AND I HOPE THAT YOU  
8 GET THE LANCASTER AREA PROPERLY STAFFED SO THAT THE DOORS CAN  
9 BE OPEN BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OPENS UP.  
10 THANK YOU, SIR. AND APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE NEED A TRANSLATOR.  
13 MARIA MIJARES. AND THEN JESUS HILARIO. AND ARMANDO HERMAN WILL  
14 BE THE FIRST THREE.

15

16 **MARIA MIJARES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA MIJARES. I  
17 HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AT THE L.A.C.M.A.  
18 MUSEUM AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE BEEN  
19 WORKING VERY HARD TO HAVE A UNION TO PUT TOGETHER, AND WE HAVE  
20 DONE THE BEST THAT WE CAN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR BENEFITS.  
21 WITH THIS WAGE INCREASE OF \$2, IT HAS ACTUALLY HAVE BETTERED  
22 OFF OUR LIFESTYLE BY BEING ABLE TO GO TO THE DOCTOR, BEING  
23 ABLE TO TAKE MORE GROCERIES TO THE HOUSE, AND THINGS OF THAT  
24 NATURE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MUSEUM HAS TO FOLLOW THE LAW BY  
25 MAINTAINING THE MINIMUM WAGE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT BY



1 MAINTAINING OUR CONTRACT, IT WILL ASSURE US TO MAINTAIN OUR  
2 WAGE AND OUR BENEFITS, AS WELL. NOW L.A.C.M.A. IS TRYING TO  
3 FIND A NEW CLEANING COMPANY. NOW, I ASK ALL OF YOU SUPERVISORS  
4 TO PLEASE MAINTAIN OUR WAGES AND OUR BENEFITS THAT WE HAVE  
5 FOUGHT REALLY HARD FOR. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ZEV FOR HIS  
6 LEADERSHIP. BY SENDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO L.A.C.M.A. AND I  
7 ALSO WANT TO ASK THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS TO DO THAT SAME  
8 THING, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? ASK JOHN WALSH TO JOIN  
11 US. IRENE PANG, ARNOLD SACHS.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** FELLOW SUPERVISORS, I KNOW TO SOME IT'S OFFENSIVE HOW  
14 I CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH A FLAG, BUT IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF MY  
15 FELLOW AMERICAN MASTER SERGEANT U.S. MARINE, MY CONDOLENCES TO  
16 YOUR FAMILY, RUDOLPH, JR. ACOSTA FROM BOYLE HEIGHTS. I SALUTE  
17 YOU, BROTHER, OVER AND OUT. NOW FOR BUSINESS. BUSINESS IN  
18 SANTA CLARITA AND LANCASTER, BILLBOARDS, TRANSPARENCY. WHEN  
19 DOES IT ALL COME TO AN END? THE PUBLIC WANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
20 THIS AGENDA. OPEN UP THE DOORS. BACK YOUR BUSINESS. I AS A  
21 RESIDENT, I AS A PERSON OF INTEREST, NOT JUST IN THE COUNTY  
22 BUT IN THIS CITY CANNOT IMAGINE THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO  
23 IMPLEMENT YOUR IDEAS THAT 20 MILLION UNDER ITEM OLD BUSINESS  
24 UNDER ITEM AGENDA 9. THE PEOPLE NEED THESE SERVICES. THE  
25 PEOPLE ACQUIRE YOUR RESPONSE, NOT LATER BUT NOW. AND THEN



1 AGAIN WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT AND I VOTE FOR MR. SHRIVER OR  
2 NOT, I CALL OUT TO YOU AND THE COUNTY: DO YOU WANT TO VOTE FOR  
3 BOBBY SHRIVER? IT'S UP TO YOU. NOT FOR ME TO DECIDE. BUT I'M A  
4 VOTER AND I WILL VOTE FOR BOBBY SHRIVER WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR  
5 NOT. SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING INTEREST IN MENTAL  
6 HEALTH. THANK YOU FOR TAKING INTEREST IN THE PUBLIC IN THE  
7 INTEREST OF MENTAL HEALTH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING  
8 INTEREST IN THE DECISION MAKING FOR THE HEALTH, THE WELFARE OF  
9 THOSE WHO NEED IT IN THE COUNTY. THANK YOU. HOO-RA.

10

11 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR  
12 JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL, TWEETING @HOLLYWOODDEMS. HERE IS THE  
13 PICTURE I'VE SAID. I'VE BEEN CALLED A LIAR. THERE IS ZEV A  
14 COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO POINTING HIS FINGER AT ME. THERE ARE THE  
15 SHERIFFS HE TRIED TO HAVE ME ARRESTED RIGHT OVER HERE BECAUSE  
16 THE SHERIFFS WHO DO A GOOD JOB REFUSED, BECAUSE I HAD THE  
17 NERVE TO TAKE A PICTURE OF HIM WITH BOBBY SHRIVER WHILE  
18 SHRIVER WAS TRYING TO BUY ZEV'S VOTE, ENDORSEMENT. HE STILL  
19 HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO BUY IT. WE HAVE THE BIG BUDWEISER BEER  
20 FEST COMING WITH KANYE WEST. IT IS GOING TO BE INSANE. THERE'S  
21 GOING TO BE RIOTS. YOU'RE ALLOWING CHILDREN IN THERE. I'M  
22 TELLING YOU. IT IS GOING TO BE TERRIBLE. WE HAD A DYE IN HERE  
23 THE OTHER DAY AT CITY HALL. AS YOU KNOW. WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING  
24 UP HERE AND ATTACKING ANTI-ISLAMIC HATE SPEECH ABOUT THE  
25 PROPHET MOHAMMED'S SEX LIFE, AND YOU SIT THERE SMILING AND



1 GOING LIKE THIS? IT'S ON THE RECORD. YOU CAN CHECK IT. THERE  
2 IS NO MORE ANTI-ISLAMIC BODY IN THE UNITED STATES THAN THE  
3 SUPERVISORS. SHOW ME ANYBODY ELSE, INCLUDING THE KNESSET, THAT  
4 WOULD ALLOW ANYTHING LIKE WHAT GOES ON HERE WITH THE BLESSING  
5 OF ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, A VICIOUS ANTI-HATER OF ISLAM.  
6 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. YOU MUST VOTE FOR SHEILA. SHEILA WILL  
7 WIN. AND THE RIDERSHIP, WE FINALLY FOUND OUT THE REAL  
8 RIDERSHIP WHICH IS MUCH, MUCH LOWER THAN YOU HAVE BEEN SAYING  
9 IT IS, OR ELSE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE RIDING  
10 IT, THE SHERIFFS ARE MISSING THEM AND NOT GIVING THEM A  
11 TICKET. NO, NO. THE SHERIFFS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.  
12 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. YOU CAN SEE THE PICTURE OF ZEV RIGHT  
13 NOW.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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17 **IRENE PANG:** I AM IRENE. TO CONCERN WHEN ALL THE WHILE YOU  
18 OFFER DAMAGE BY THE REVELATION THAT INCUR PHYSICAL ATTACK,  
19 PROPERTY DAMAGE AND SUFFER NEED TO COVER BY THE MEDICAL  
20 SPECIALIST AND THE MONEY REIMBURSEMENT TO THE VICTIM. SECOND,  
21 THE REVELATION SINCE INCREASE MORE HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS  
22 WORKING IN THE RECENT YEAR. THIRD, TO PROTECT ALL THE NATION  
23 AND THE CITIZEN AND RESIDENTS. OUR NATION NEED TO CONTINUOUSLY  
24 FIGHT OUT HARMFUL PERSONS AND THE HARMFUL MATTERS, ALL  
25 REVELATIONS. OTHERWISE THE CITIZEN AND THE RESIDENT LOST THEIR



1 HOUSE AND SHOP AND THEIR PHYSICAL PROPERTY MORE AND MORE UNDER  
2 THE PHYSICAL ALSO UNDER THE PHYSICAL TAKE MORE AND MORE.  
3 NUMBER 4. ON THE WALL, IN THE COUNTRY HANDLE THE REVELATION BY  
4 KILLING PUNISHED BY DEATH, ALL THEIR MONEY HAD PAID BACK. THE  
5 PERSONAL PROPERTY INCLUDE MONEY, FURNITURE, CLOTHING AND  
6 HOUSING \_\_\_\_\_ WHILE OFFER MONEY THEY NEED TO PAY BACK. FIVE,  
7 I BELIEVE ANYONE CAN BUY PRESENCE, START THE BUSINESS OR THEIR  
8 FAMILY WORKING HARD AND \_\_\_\_\_. IF I'M SINGLES TO THE, THAT'S  
9 SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT AND THEN I'LL ASK RITA  
12 BRANCH, EDWARD GUERRERO, SHELIAH WARD, AND CATHERINE BOND TO  
13 JOIN US?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
16 PRETTY FASCINATING THAT YOU HAVE PEOPLE UP IN NORTH COUNTY WHO  
17 WERE CONCERNED ABOUT METRO AND ITS ACTIVITIES FINALLY GET ON  
18 THAT BUS. I'M ALSO CONCERNED, SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT METRO  
19 AND ITS ACTIVITIES. YOU KNOW, THEY'RE PLANNING IN THE FUTURE  
20 TWO YEARS WHICH MAY SEEM LIKE A LONG WAY AWAY, IT REALLY  
21 ISN'T. THEY WANT TO GET ANOTHER HALF CENT SALES TAX. SO WHILE  
22 THE BOARD IS HERE, HOW MUCH WOULD THAT HALF CENT SALES TAX  
23 GENERATE? THE LAST HALF CENT SALES TAX WOULD CLAIM WAS OVER A  
24 BILLION DOLLARS. SO GO WITH THAT FIGURE. SAY A BILLION  
25 DOLLARS. WHICH IS ROUNDING DOWN. THAT'S FOUR HALF CENT SALES



1 TAX, EACH ONE A BILLION DOLLARS. YOU KNOW, IN 2009 WHEN THAT  
2 SALES TAX WENT INTO EFFECT, PROPS A, PROP C AND MEASURE R HAVE  
3 ALL GENERATED A BILLION DOLLARS. FIVE YEARS, \$15 BILLION. DO  
4 YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN BOSTON? THEY HAD THIS PROJECT CALLED  
5 THE BIG DIG. \$14 BILLION COST OVERRUN. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S  
6 IMPORTANT? THEY FINISHED THE PROJECT. ACCORDING TO THE BOARD  
7 AT METRO, \$15 BILLION HAS BEEN RAISED IN SALES TAX REVENUE.  
8 NAME A PROJECT THAT'S DONE. NOT ONE THAT'S STARTED, NOT ONE  
9 THAT'S BEING STUDIED. ONE THAT'S DONE. \$15 BILLION. THESE  
10 PEOPLE UP IN NORTH COUNTY FINALLY GETTING ON THE BOARD THAT  
11 METRO IS CORRUPT? THAT BOAT IS LIKE THE TITANIC. IT'S ON THE  
12 BOTTOM OF THE WATER. AND IF METRO IS CORRUPT, YOU CAN BE SURE  
13 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS CORRUPT. YOU'RE WELCOME.

14  
15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? WHEREVER YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO.

16  
17 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. ON  
18 NOVEMBER 6TH OF LAST YEAR, I WAS LEAVING ELECTION FOR THE  
19 MAYOR'S RACE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BY METRO. WHEN I  
20 EXITED PICO STATION THERE WAS A PIECE OF WOOD 1 INCH BY 6 FEET  
21 AWAITING MY EXIT. AS I EXITED, I BROKE MY FALL TO KEEP FROM  
22 FALLING ON THE ONCOMING TRAIN THAT WAS COMING. MY CASE WAS  
23 DISMISSED ON LAST WEDNESDAY BECAUSE I WAS IN LEIMERT PARK  
24 WHERE JAMES BURKE STOPPED THE ENTERTAINMENT AT 7:00, NOT A  
25 WHITE MAN. JAMES BURKE, BLACK MAN, BLACKER THAN ME, STOPPED





1 THE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PARK. WE'RE THE ONES IN THE PARK  
2 CELEBRATING HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, HAILE SELASSIE.. WE'RE THE  
3 PEOPLE WHO STARTED THE LEIMERT PARK MINISTRY, BECAUSE NOBODY  
4 ACCEPTED RASTA 30, 40 YEARS AGO, NOT EVEN JAMES BURKE. WE GOT  
5 BEHIND JAMES BURKE AND SUPPORTED HIM, ME PERSONALLY, TO DO A  
6 FESTIVAL AT THE AFRICAN MARKETPLACE. HE MESSED IT UP ROYALLY.  
7 HE OVERCHARGED BLACK PEOPLE. HE OVERCHARGED THE VENDORS AT  
8 DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL AND NOW HE DOESN'T HAVE A FESTIVAL ANYMORE.  
9 NOW HE'S OVER IN LEIMERT PARK TO DO WHAT GOD GAVE ME AS A  
10 MINISTRY TO HEAL MY PEOPLE FROM MENTAL ILLNESS AND ET CETERA.  
11 SO MY WHOLE ISSUE WITH MY SON WAS LEFT THE HOSPITAL THEY  
12 INJECTED HIM WITHOUT HIS WILL. I CALLED AND ASKED THEM TO  
13 OBSERVE HIM FOR 24 HOURS. THEY INJECTED HIM SEVERAL TIMES. HE  
14 SHOWS UP YESTERDAY CONFUSED, FINALLY MADE IT BACK HOME. IN AS  
15 MUCH AS THE HOMELESS, THE M.T.A. IS PAYING PEOPLE 50 AND  
16 \$60,000 TO CAUSE US TO BE MENTALLY ILL BY GIVING PEOPLE  
17 TICKETS FROM NOT HAVING \$1.50 THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE A RIGHT  
18 TO TRAVEL IN THIS COUNTRY. WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR RIGHTS? WHAT  
19 HAPPENED TO THE FACT THAT \$200 IS GIVEN TO IMMIGRANTS, \$500  
20 FOR FOOD, MEDI-CAL AND BLACK AMERICANS ARE PUNISHED FOR HAVING  
21 CHILDREN. THEY'RE PUNISHED FOR BEING ON WELFARE. WHAT ARE YOU  
22 SUPPOSED TO DO WITH \$200 MAX FOOD AND \$200 MAX CASH? AND YOU  
23 GOT TO PAY THE MONEY BACK AFTER YOU SLAVE WORK FOR IT.  
24  
25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?



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2 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** I, EDWARD GUERRERO, DECLARE MY STATEMENTS  
3 UNDER PENALTY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, TO THE F.B.I., TO  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO THE ATTORNEY  
5 GENERAL, SACRAMENTO, LOS ANGELES DIVISION, TO ANY AND ALL LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT. I NOW WANT TO START BY SAYING I'VE BEEN CALLING  
7 CHIEF CHARLIE BECK'S OFFICE OR LA BECK WHO HAS FAILED AND  
8 REFUSED TO RETURN MY CALLS. I, EDWARD GUERRERO, DECLARE UNDER  
9 PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HEREBY EXECUTE THE CITIZENS ARREST  
10 OF MIKE ANTONOVICH, MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND HIS ACCOMPLICE  
11 STEVE WHEATCROFT FOR P.C. VIOLATIONS OF THE PENAL CODE P.C.  
12 147-148 SUBSECTION 800 WITH INTENT TO COMMIT BODILY HARM,  
13 AIDING AND ABETTING IN A CRIME, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE,  
14 MALICIOUS PROSECUTION, AND WRONGFUL INCARCERATION, ALL BECAUSE  
15 I WAS A VICTIM OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND WAS SEXUALLY MOLESTED  
16 BY A POLICE OFFICER AND ASKED FOR MICHAEL'S HELP. MIKE, AND  
17 YOU KNOW COUNCILMEMBERS, I WANT MIKE ANTONOVICH ARRESTED AT  
18 THIS POINT. SERGEANT AT ARM, PLEASE, I'M ISSUING A CITIZEN'S  
19 ARREST. THIS WILL BE NON PRO TUNC. THIS WILL STAY NON PRO  
20 TUNC, THAT I EDWARD GUERRERO DECLARE, THAT I DEMAND THE  
21 CITIZENS ARREST FOR VIOLATIONS UNDER COLOR OF LAW OF MICHAEL  
22 ANTONOVICH AND OFFICER STEVE WHEATCROFT WHO WAS SHUFFLED OVER  
23 TO THE COURTS OVER HERE. BUT, MIKE, HOW DARE YOU HAVE PARKS IN  
24 YOUR NAME? HOW DARE YOU HAVE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COURTS, THE  
25 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH ANTELOPE VALLEY COURTS? REALLY, YOU'RE A



1 CRIMINAL. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO MAKE ANY JUDGMENT ON THE MENTAL  
2 HEALTH REGARDING TO THE L.A. COUNTY BECAUSE YOU'RE A CRIMINAL.  
3 YOU SENT ME THERE. OKAY. CITIZENS ARREST EXECUTED.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

6  
7 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** IT'S YOUR MONEY THAT BUYS THE POWER. YOU'RE  
8 CORRUPT.

9  
10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU PLEASE  
11 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO MICHAEL'S DEPARTURE?

12  
13 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
14 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL MEET  
15 IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH  
16 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. C.S.-4,  
17 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
18 TO LITIGATION THREE CASES, ITEM NO. C.S.-5, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
19 CONSIDERATION OF FIRMS TO RECRUIT FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF  
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ITEM NO. C.S.-6, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
21 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY  
22 COUNSEL, AND ITEM NO. C.S.-7, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
23 EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL  
24 AGENDAS. THANK YOU.



1           **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JULY 29, 2014**

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5   In open session, item CS-1 was continued two weeks to August  
6   12, 2013.

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8   No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-5, CS-6 OR  
9   CS-7.

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11   In open session, item CS-3 was continued one week to August 5,  
12   2014.

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14   CS-4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
15   (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section  
16   54956.9) Significant exposure to litigation (three cases)

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18   These matters involve challenges to the County's collection of  
19   property tax administrative fees. (14-3377)

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21   The Board authorized settlement of this matter. The details of  
22   the settlement will be made available once finalized by all  
23   parties. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all  
24   Supervisors being present.



1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number  
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los  
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors July 29, 2014,  
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived  
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to  
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 4th  
16 day of August 2014, for the County records to be used only for  
17 authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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20 JENNIFER A. HINES

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